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U.S. AND PACIFIC SEIZURES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day. The fact that the Russian steamers stopped in the East by the Royal Navy have American copper among their cargo will not provoke American representations to Britain, semi-official circles here declared to Havas.

Copper is the only metal necessary for war industries which is still shipped from the United States to Russia.

Exports of molybdenum and aluminium have stopped as the State Department asked exporters not to ship these metals to a country bombing civilian populations.

Enforcement of this moral embargo is impossible on copper which is produced in large quantities outside the U.S.A.

The British action thus falls entirely in line with American unofficial feelings and will not be the subject of protest by official circles.—Havas.

FINLAND AND SOVIET IN CONFLICT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day. Difficulties have arisen between the Finnish and Russian negotiators, and the conversations now taking place in Moscow for settling problems connected with the execution of the peace terms may soon be disrupted, authoritative circles here declare.

The Finns are displeased with the excessive Russian demands regarding questions connected with Soviet commercial representation, and the Russian side has been aroused by the condition of Hangoe when it was handed over.

(** The devastation in Hangoe, incidentally, was largely of the Russians' own making.)

It is unconfirmedly reported that dissensions have also arisen regarding the retracing of the new frontier.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—East winds, moderate, squally with drizzle, probably improving.

Important Decision Taken At War Council

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

LONDON, TO-DAY.
YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL OF THE ALLIES WILL MARK THE BEGINNING OF A NEW PHASE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND THE ALLIES, IN THE OPINION OF BRITISH POLITICAL CIRCLES.

Soviet diplomatic activity, illustrated by Ambassador Ivan Maisky's visit to Lord Halifax, which apparently tried to prevent certain Allied measures from materialising, completely failed to achieve its purpose, and the Allies are preparing a system of sea and land control extending far beyond the measures taken in the last war.

Although the blockade and control of German exports and imports will probably be extended to the Black Sea, it is, according to well-informed sources, on land control that a most important decision was taken yesterday in London.

Confirmation of this fact is found in Lord Halifax's decision to sum-

JAPANESE PRESSURE ON WANG

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHUNGKING, TO-DAY.

THAT JAPANESE RECOGNITION WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE NEW WANG CHING-WEI, "GOVERNMENT" ONLY AS A COUNTERPART TO VERY IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS, IS THE OPINION OF AUTHORITY CIRCLES HERE.

They consider the postponement of the visit to Nanking of General Abe, the special Japanese envoy, is a new means of exercising pressure over the Wang "government".

Last-minute negotiations, of paramount importance, will probably take place in Tokyo in the first days of April during Wang Ching-wei's trip to Japan.—Havas.

BRITISH BLACK SEA BLOCKADE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day. Although the British attitude to Russia is entirely pacific, the British Government does not intend to return the steamers Selenga and Vladimir Mayakovsky, and the control action will probably soon be repeated whatever the Soviet reactions may be, semi-official circles declare.

The same sources confirm that the blockade may be extended to the Black Sea and agreements concluded with other powers to control Soviet activities.

Russian neutrality protests do not correspond with the facts. This is why the Allies are adopting an unspectacular but very firm policy towards Moscow.—Havas.

prepared to either join with the Allies in measures Paris and London consider indispensable or suffer the consequences of Allied tightening of the blockade around Germany.—Havas.

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AIR BATTLES OVER NORTH SEA: MORE R.A.F. SUCCESSES

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY announces that a Coastal Command aircraft while on patrol over the North Sea yesterday encountered two enemy aircraft.

During a prolonged engagement one of the enemy aircraft was repeatedly hit. It was seen to be seriously damaged and it is considered improbable it was able to reach its base. The British aircraft returned safely.

Meanwhile, a Hudson reconnaissance machine returned to its aerodrome in the east of Scotland with the port engine out of commission after a successful encounter with two Dornier machines.

Despite the damaged engine the pilot made a magnificent landing. The air gunner said they kept up a running fight for about half an hour and when they turned back smoke was pouring from one of the planes on which they had concentrated.

The British machine was in a steep climb when a burst of fire caught the port engine.

An official announcement says the R.A.F. shot down an enemy machine off the north-east coast of Scotland yesterday. — Reuter.

NO BOMBS DROPPED BY NAZI PLANE OVER SHETLANDS

London, To-day.

The R.A.F. at home have followed up the success of the R.A.F. in France (which shot down at least five Nazi planes, as reported yesterday) by shooting down a German raider off the North-East Coast of Scotland yesterday.

This is the 48th German plane to be shot down over or near Britain since war began, while at least 10 others were so badly damaged it is unlikely they got back safely.

Another Nazi plane which approached the Shetlands from a great height at noon yesterday was chased until it was lost in the clouds. Although it flew over the Shetlands, it dropped no bombs. — Reuter.

THE METAXAS LINE

Athens, To-day.

The defences of Greece were recently reinforced and it is learned that the "Metaxas Line," named after the Greek dictator, now includes 3,000 concrete defence works. — Reuter.

STERLING RALLIES IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

STERLING RALLIED IN SPECTACULAR MANNER ON THE NEW YORK FOREIGN EXCHANGE MARKET YESTERDAY; THE RISE IS ATTRIBUTED TO TWO FACTORS.

Firstly, reports from Washington indicating that the State Department was watching the drop and was preparing to give full effect to the safeguarding provisions of the reciprocal trade agreement with Britain whenever there is evidence that the depreciation of Sterling would prejudice industry and commerce in the United States, and

Secondly, to rumours that Britain might lift the restrictions respecting the use of free Sterling for rubber purchases for which free Sterling may not now be used.

Sterling bloc currencies also moved up yesterday in sympathy. — Reuter.

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London, To-day.
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Lancashire Fusiliers and French Infantrymen provided guards of honour.
Capt. Hudson and Fusilier Worsley were members of the patrol which defeated the Germans recently.—Reuter.

NORWAY REALISTIC

Oslo, To-day.
The newspaper "Tidestegn" says: "It is clear that when the British violate our neutrality we must protest."

"That doesn't mean that we are blind to the basic difference between German and British violations, and we are undeniably surprised when the German press makes a fuss about the latter and talks about international law. 'People in glass houses must not throw stones, and Mr. Chamberlain's

"BLACKOUT" EFFICIENCY

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE EFFICIENCY OF THE "BLACKOUT" OF NORTH-EAST BRITAIN HAS RECENTLY BEEN PUT TO PRACTICAL TEST BY A COASTAL COMMAND AIR PILOT MAKING A RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT.

Taken generally, the results are excellent and the pilot had the curious experience at a height of a thousand feet over a Northern town of seeing a man light a cigarette in the street below.

On a moonless night, the pilot reported that towns and country were merged in uniform blackness and it was impossible to distinguish landmarks.

One small place gave itself away by isolated gleams which he assumed to be mere chinks of light from insufficiently screened windows, but for the most part it was possible to fly from the sea over the land without realising one had crossed the coast. — British Wireless.

SPAIN AND JAPAN SIGN TRADE AGREEMENT

Madrid, To-day.
A trade agreement between Spain and Japan has been signed here. Spain yesterday celebrated the first anniversary of the occupation of Madrid by General Franco.—Reuter.

words that British warfare has not yet cost a single neutral citizen's life still holds good." — Reuter.

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DUTCH PILOT FIGHTS IN PYJAMAS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ACCORDING TO DUTCH ACCOUNTS FROM AMSTERDAM, THE BRITISH BOMBER WHICH WAS SHOT DOWN BY DUTCH CHASER PLANES RETURNED THE DUTCH FIGHTERS' FIRE.

In London, Reuter's air correspondent learns in official quarters that British bombers have very definite instructions should they inadvertently fly over neutral territory not to return the fire of neutral fighters if attacked.

The British airmen (says a despatch from Amsterdam) appeared to think they were in France, and appeared bewildered when Dutch soldiers in strange green uniforms asked them "Are you English?"

When asked where they came from, the pilot cautiously replied, "We come from somewhere."

After searching for and finding the dead body of their comrade, the fliers were taken to a cafe and given a drink. Here they met the Dutch pilot, Noomen, who shot them down.

They were soon deep in technical discussion with no sign of ill-feeling on either side.

WEARING PYJAMAS

Noomen was still wearing pyjamas under his flying suit.

The Air Ministry announcement on the affair merely said that one of our aircraft was missing and it was learned it had been shot down by Dutch aircraft.

Regarding a German High Command communique, it is learned at the Air Ministry that one of our aircraft on reconnaissance over Germany and the Heligoland Bight during the night failed to return.—Reuter.

R.A.F. LOSES FOUR PLANES

London, To-day.

In the past two or three days, the R.A.F. has lost four planes.

Two failed to return from a flight over north-west Germany and the Heligoland Bight on Wednesday/Thursday night, another, a Hurricane, was shot down during the air battles on Tuesday (the pilot saving himself by means of his parachute), while the fourth, a Bristol Blenheim bomber, crashed in flames in Holland yesterday after being intercepted by Dutch pursuit planes.—Reuter.

DUTCH AIR SERVICE

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Royal Dutch Air Lines will shortly start a service between Amsterdam and Lisbon via Oporto, connecting with the Pan-American Trans-Atlantic service between Portugal and America.—Reuter.

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SOVIET DEMARCHE IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Discussions have been proceeding between M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to London, and the British Government about Britain's contraband control in the Pacific, which resulted in the detention of the 2,500-ton Selenga and the 4,000-ton Vladimir Mayakovsky.

M. Maisky has had a number of discussions with the British Government about the Selenga, which has been held up since the middle of January, and the question was again raised on Wednesday during his interview with Lord Halifax, his first since Russia invaded Finland.

Russia claims that her ships should be immune from contraband control as they are not privately-owned vessels but state-owned.

Great Britain recognises that state-owned vessels are normally exempt from control, as in the case of warships, but takes the view that if they engage in ordinary commercial traffic they must be treated in the same way as privately-owned ships.—Reuter.

IMPORTANCE MINIMISED

London, To-day.

Soviet circles in London are trying to minimise the importance of the Soviet protest by M. Maisky about the British contraband control in the Pacific which has resulted in the detention of two Soviet ships in Hong Kong.

These circles insist that M. Maisky's protest was "merely routine," and point out that it was a verbal protest, rather than a written one.—Reuter.

HONG KONG STATEMENT

The Colonial Secretary told the "China Mail" this morning that the Soviet steamer Selenga had "left harbour."

Asked if she had been released, he replied:—"She has been released as far as we are concerned, I think."

ONE FOR HITLER AND RIBBENTROP

Brussels, To-day.

"Le Peuple" declares that at a moment when Germany is making such great efforts to tighten the bonds with Russia and constitute a triple alliance, the Russian meekness to the energetic French gesture in demanding the recall of the Soviet Ambassador in Paris will not be appreciated in Berlin.—Reuter.



M.G.M.'s latest musical hit, "Balalaika," starts a run at the Queen's Theatre to-day and at the Alhambra to-morrow. Above are the co-stars, Nelson Eddy and glamorous Lona Massey.

BISHOP'S SON WILL NOT FIGHT

Mr. W. P. W. Barnes, of Trinity College, Cambridge, undergraduate son of Dr. Barnes, Bishop of Birmingham, appealed against the decision of the East Anglian tribunal that his name should be removed from the list of conscientious objectors without qualification. The tribunal reserved its decision.

Describing himself as a Christian pacifist, he said he was willing to do purely volunteer work, but not in the R.A.M.C. because that was part of the army and he would release another man for service.

Prof. C. E. Raven, Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge, described Mr. Barnes as "a man of unquestionable sincerity in his outlook."

"SPECIAL'S" CONSCIENCE

Claude H. Daniell, 22, a special constable, who was registered for non-combatant services at the South Wales tribunal, said he would use peaceful persuasion and not force if he came in contact with a criminal. A member of the tribunal said the best thing he could do was to resign from the force.

JAPANESE TO CHANGE OFFICIALS IN CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

A thorough reorganisation of Japanese diplomatic representation in China will be effected in the near future.—Havas.

SAN ANTONIO GOING ON

THE "CHINA MAIL" LEARNS THIS MORNING THAT THE S.S. SAN ANTONIO WHICH HAS BEEN REFLOATED AFTER GOING AGROUND IN THE HAINAN STRAITS LAST FRIDAY, IS NOW PROCEEDING TO SHANGHAI.

The salvage tug from Taikoo Dock is accompanying the vessel as far as Hong Kong.

Although no information as regards the damage sustained has yet been received by the owners, it is believed that it will not be necessary for the vessel to go into dock for repairs.

Reports of pirates attempting to raid the vessel are still described as unreliable.

NEW ZEALANDERS IN TRIP OVER GERMANY

London, To-day.

Aircraft of the New Zealand squadron in the R.A.F. Bomber Command on Wednesday night flew over Germany for the first time.

Three of them were engaged with aircraft from bomber squadrons in carrying out reconnaissance in north-west Germany. All three returned safely.—British Wireless.

TRIBUTE TO ALLIES

Copenhagen, To-day.

Commenting on sea warfare, the Danish newspaper "National-Tidende" says that neither Britain nor France will demean themselves by torpedoing neutral ships without warning, or even German ships without doing everything possible for the rescue of the crew.—Reuter.

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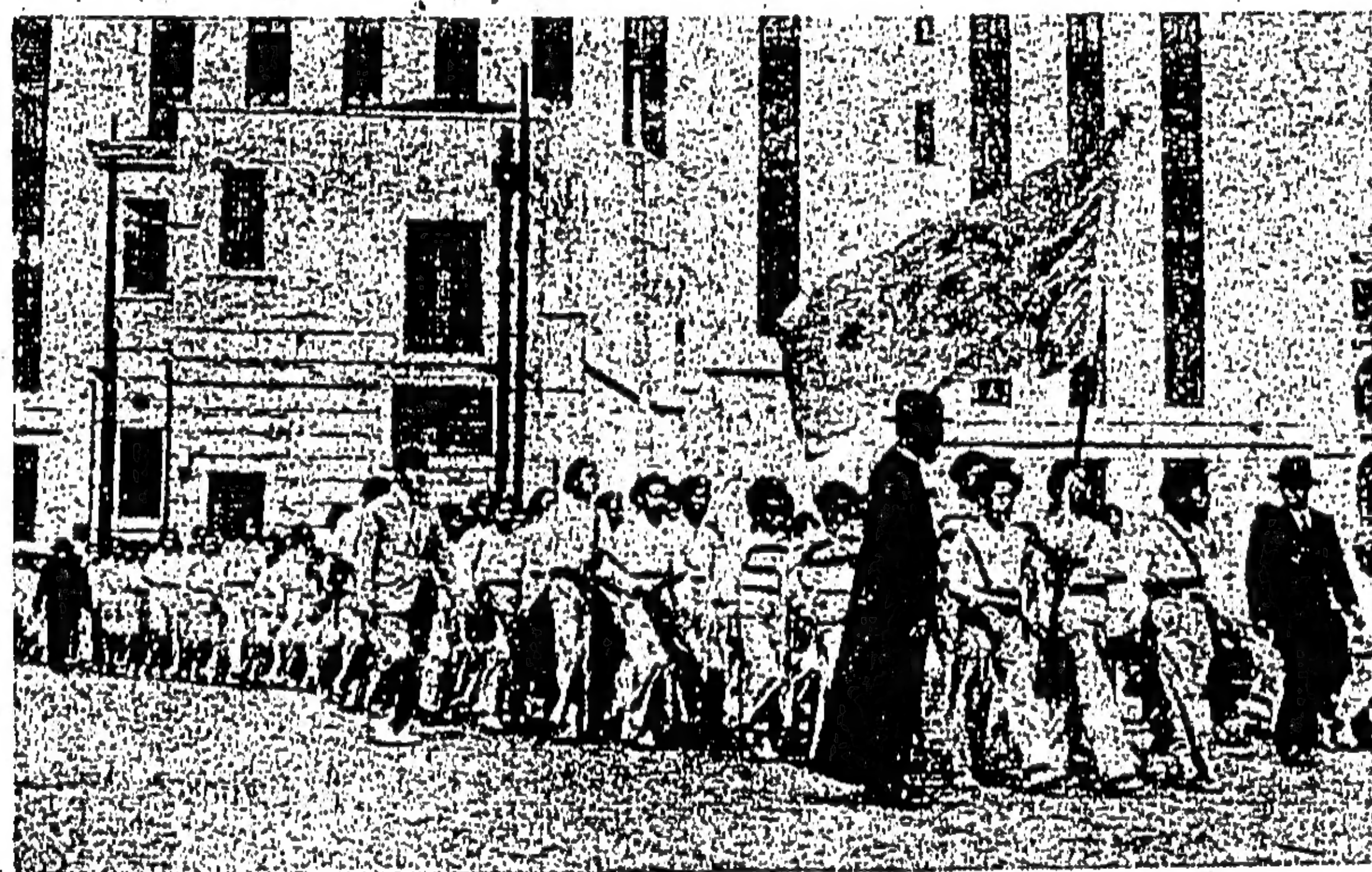
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BRITISH PATROL IN BALTIC ANNOYS NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS in the "Sea Front" have been the effective presence of British patrol ships in the Baltic straits and the note of protest from Norway regarding alleged violation of her territorial waters.

The Germans, with their usual clairvoyant knowledge of Allied policy, are now announcing that Britain no longer intends to respect the neutrality of Norwegian waters.

BRITAIN'S NEW PLANES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ALTHOUGH IT IS OBVIOUS THAT DETAILS OF NEW AIRCRAFT, WHETHER FIGHTERS OR BOMBERS, ARE CLOSELY GUARDED IN WARTIME, IT CAN BE REVEALED THAT A NUMBER OF NEW TYPES NOW IN PRODUCTION ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN THOSE AT PRESENT IN SERVICE.

British aircraft, such as the Vickers Spitfire, Hawker Hurricane, and Boulton-Paul Defiant, have led the world in fighter design of their type but advances in bomber aircraft construction called for still further improvement in fighter performance.

New long-range fighters now being produced will be more than a match for similar enemy types. Greater speed, increased engine-power, more powerful armament and longer range are features of these new British types.—British Wireless.

French and British policy, in actual fact (comment semi-official observers here), has not changed since the Altmark incident. They are ready to respect neutrality, if it is honest neutrality and not the favouring of one side under cover of a technicality.

Germany's annoyance at the activities of the Royal Navy in the mouth of the Baltic is understandable when it is learned that in February, when the patrols were set up following the Altmark incident, her imports of iron from Sweden were only 91,000 tons as compared with January's 268,000 and the 457,000 of February, 1939.

One result of the blockade has been an enormous increase in the imports of the countries surrounding Germany.

In the period September/November, cotton exports into Norway and Belgium doubled, into Holland trebled, was 20 times greater in Hungary and 160 times greater in Switzerland.—Havas.

GERMAN THREAT TO NEUTRALS

Copenhagen, To-day.

The Danish newspaper "Politiken" reports receiving a message from Berlin stating that Germany will soon demand that the neutrals treat all armed Allied ships as warships and allow them to stay only 24 hours in port. If the neutrals do not agree to this, says the report, the "Reich will consider their neutrality broken."—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

Any action against German ships by the Allies in neutral waters will be considered, in Berlin, as a direct Allied declaration of war on the neutrals.

International law will be upset, moan the Nazis, if the Allies claim the right to police neutral waters, and havoc will be created among the principles of war.

Germany is ready to meet the challenge—says Berlin.—Reuter.

NAZIS TO GIVE BATTLE —PERHAPS

London, To-day.

An unconfirmed report that German warships "have steamed or are steaming" out of Wilhelmshaven to engage British forces on contraband control duty, was given by the Rome radio announcer last night.

The announcer added that German merchantmen in northern waters had been instructed to seek shelter in the nearest ports, and as a result Scandinavian harbours were literally teeming with German vessels.—Reuter.

STOPPING UP LEAKS

London, To-day.

Armed sentries were placed on guard on all neutral cargo and fishing vessels at Grimsby and Hull yesterday.

Here and at Scottish east coast ports all crews of neutral vessels are forbidden to go ashore, and no one from the shore is allowed to visit the ships.

It is understood these developments are in connexion with the tightening up of the regulations restricting the movement of foreign seamen and to inaugurate a new drive against the leakage of information which might be useful to the enemy.—Reuter.

CHANGES IN R.A.F.

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that at his own request Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Edward Ellington is vacating the post of Inspector-General of the R.A.F.

He is succeeded by Air Chief Marshal Sir Edgar Ludlow-Hewitt.—Reuter.

NORWAY INTERNS U-BOAT

Oslo, To-day.

The 250-ton German coastal submarine U-21, which has been interned by Norway after it ran aground last Tuesday near Oden, was probably operating in neutral waters.

She was discovered on Wednesday and, after getting off with the help of a passing German trawler, was escorted by Norwegian warships into a Norwegian harbour, her crew disarmed and the U-21 itself interned.

The evidence of the U-boat's commander has made it clear that the damage to one engine was caused by the grounding itself and did not force the submarine into Norwegian waters.

The Norwegians do not consider that the weather was bad enough to force the U-boat to take shelter. The Norwegian authorities have decided that the real cause of the infringement of Norwegian neutrality was an error of judgment, but that this is not a legal ground for her presence in Norwegian waters.—Reuter.

BRASS THEFTS FROM KOWLOON DOCKS

Described by the police as one of the organised gangs believed to be responsible for the loss of 600 pounds of brass during the past few months at Kowloon Docks, Liu Kum, 27, widow, was this morning charged with stealing 21 lbs. of brass, and fined \$20 by Mr. E. Himsworth.

Sergeant Whitley stated that the watchman saw her going in the Docks several times yesterday. He instructed a female searcher who found 21 pounds of brass tied around the widow's waist.

The police suspected accused of having, with others, been responsible for previous losses but had no proof against her.

TRAFFIC SUMMONSES

Mr. M. Talan, of American Lloyd, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for allowing his car, No. 884, to remain longer than necessary in Queen's Road Central on March 17. Defendant was fined \$10.

Mr. R. F. Gregory, of No. 7, Causeway Hill, was fined \$5 for leaving his car unattended in Chater Road.

Mr. J. E. Potter, of Leigh and Orange, was fined \$5 for parking overtime in Connaught Road.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke prosecuted.

STOLE SPARE TYRE

Chan Shing, 18, marine hawker, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning with stealing a car tyre from No. 48, Stubbs Road, the property of Mr. J. H. Jessen.

Defendant was fined \$5 or 14 days' hard labour, and was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a destitute.



Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins in "The Old Maid" showing to-morrow at the King's Theatre.

BRITISH DIPLOMATS IN BALKANS RECALLED

Conference In London With Lord Halifax On The Eve Of Big Events?

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS LEARNED IN AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS THAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, LORD HALIFAX, HAS INVITED THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT ANKARA, SIR HUGHE KNATCHBULL-HUGESSEN, AND THE BRITISH MINISTERS AT ATHENS, BELGRADE, BUCHAREST, BUDAPEST AND SOFIA TO RETURN TO THE UNITED KINGDOM TO CONFER WITH HIM AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE.

The British envoys will arrive in England early in April. Sir Percy Lorraine, British Ambassador in Rome, is also expected to be in London on short leave of absence at that time.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent states that the Government's decision to consult with the Ambassador at Ankara and our Balkan Ministers is neither novel nor surprising.

In the last war it was the frequent practice of the Government to call home Ministers to discuss problems in their especial zones.

It seems only reasonable, at a moment when the Balkans and Near East are so much in the foreground, that British representatives in these parts be brought together for an exchange of views under the aegis of the Foreign Secretary. — Reuter.

*** The diplomatic explanation does not, however, divest the conference of high significance.

DRURY LANE REOPENS

London, To-day.

Drury Lane Theatre has re-opened, for the first time since war started, and the first performance was a garbison treat, prominent stage and screen stars entertaining 2,000 officers, men and women of the Anti-Aircraft Command.

During the performance, a telegram from the King was read; it was in reply to greetings sent to him from the audience. — Reuter.

NEW HEART IN FINLAND

Helsinki, To-day.

The formation of the new Finnish Government has put fresh heart into the Finns. They were at first stunned by Russia's immoderate demands, but Helsinki is now coming back to normal — more people are in the streets and hotels, cafes and cinemas are doing better business.

The new Cabinet is well received. It is considered an organisation of specialists well fitted to carry out the reconstruction programme. — Reuter.

CHURCH APPOINTMENT

London, To-day.

The King has approved the appointment of Sir Iain Colquhoun, Lord-Lieutenant of Dumbartonshire, as Lord High-Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. — Reuter.

COUNT TELEKI LEAVES FOR HOME

Rome, To-day.

Count Teleki, the Hungarian Premier, left for Budapest yesterday. — Reuter.

THE NAZI SYMBOL OF CONQUEST

Berlin, To-day.

All administrative offices in the Protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia must in future have a portrait of Hitler hanging alongside that of the President, states a Prague despatch.

The Nazi Government decreed this because it "is desirous of showing symbolically the position of the Protectorate in relation to that of the great German Reich."

The portrait of the President must hang on the left of Hitler's picture. — Reuter.

FREE FOR ALL IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Seventeen Chinese flour mill workers and one foreign police officer were conveyed to hospital yesterday morning when a free-for-all was staged in a Chinese flour-mill following the engagement of new workers.

Old employees threw lime on the new men and the police were summoned when the riot threatened to assume worse proportions.

One shot was fired though it cannot be ascertained who fired it. Only one workman was seriously injured and others slightly wounded. — Our Own Correspondent.

ALLIED FORCES IN NEAR EAST IN COMBINED TRAINING

Cairo, To-day.

THE TRAINING AND CO-ORDINATION of the Allied forces in the Near East is progressing at an accelerated tempo, and the first combined manoeuvres between the British, Indian and Egyptian armies began on Wednesday.

The Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is combining with the Emir Abdullah's Arab Legion for the first time.

The exercises, which are lasting a week, will extend over the whole of Trans-Jordan, and the once fierce desert raiders who now form a disciplined and loyal desert patrol will have their first experience of co-operation with British troops, staged with all the realism of war.

An emergency Staff College for British officers has been inaugurated in Palestine and Staff courses are already in progress.

Voluntary recruiting in Palestine of Jews for service in France is steadily increasing.

YEOMAN ARMY

Large numbers of Britain's young Yeomanry army are arriving in Palestine for training and have acquitted themselves well, earning the praise of veteran troops.

The more settled conditions in Palestine have enabled the British troops to get down in earnest to real training for the first time in two years. — Reuter.

TURKEY AND NAZIS

Istanbul, To-day.

The newspaper "Cumhuriyet" says that Germany has experimented with many weapons since the outbreak of war, including magnetic mines, all of which were later dropped, except for the peace offensives and the propaganda threats of powerful military action which have failed to materialise.

The "Ankara Ulu" says the Germans are misguided in undertaking a war of nerves against the British people, whose nerves are not easily affected. Indeed, the paper says, the British possess none! — Reuter.

SUMMER TIME FOR TIENTSIN

Tientsin, To-day.

Summer Time will be introduced in the British area here on April 1. — Reuter.

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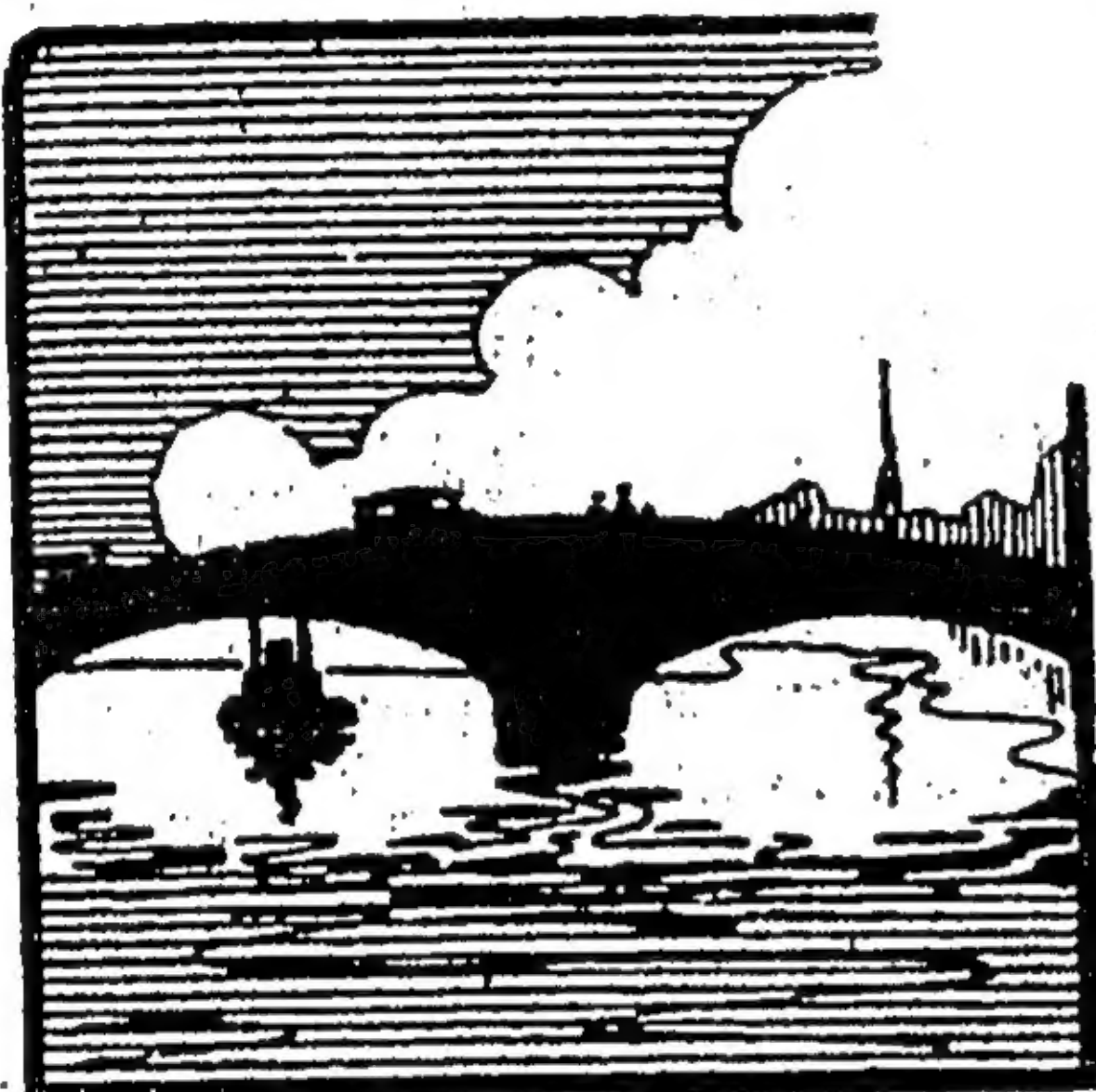
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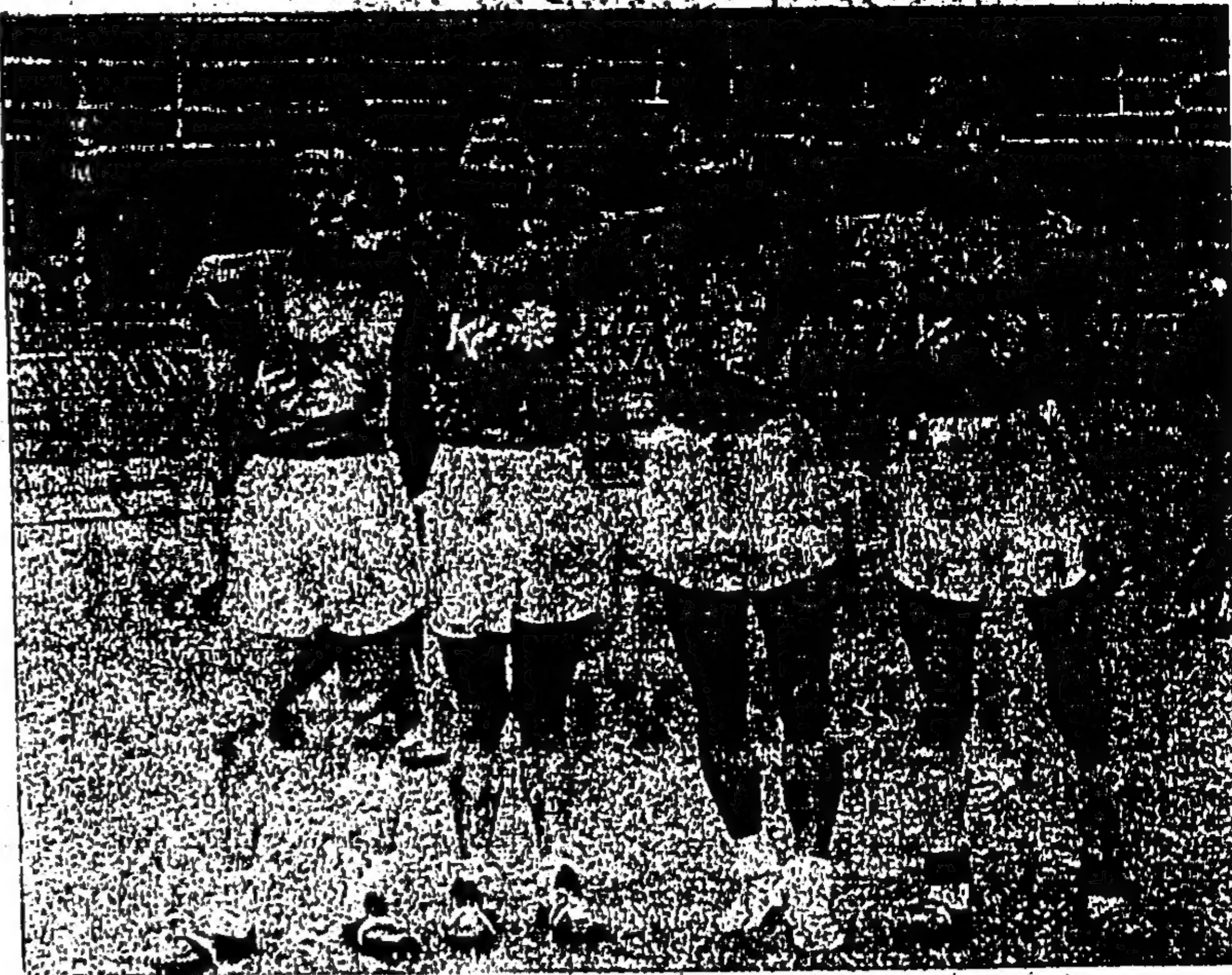
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Fowler, Colony centre forward, scoring the first goal against Macao last Sunday.



The Rev. J. R. Higgs officiating at the open-air service on Good Friday.



A large crowd attended the Good Friday combined open-air service opposite the Alhambra Theatre.

RUSSO-JAP FRICTION

New Attitude Detected Since Finnish Peace

SOVIET OUT TO ANNOY?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE Soviet Union to Japan has shown a marked change since the termination of the Finnish war, according to the Yomiuri Shimbun. The paper said that since the conclusion of the Soviet-Finnish peace, Russia has embarked on a policy of annoying Japan.

PRISON SENTENCE FOR BROKER

Kwok Shun-chuen, broker, charged with receiving 158 reels of newsprint knowing same to have been stolen, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Supreme Court.

The newsprint was the property of the "Ta Kung Pao" and delivery orders had been signed by one of their employees, who disappeared on January 14.

The defence was that accused did not know Hsu had obtained the goods unlawfully, but was selling the paper on commission. The goods were removed from Holt's Wharf to the Wing On Godowns for weighing purposes.

Summing up, His Lordship told the jury that they had to be satisfied on three points: (1) that the paper had been stolen from the rightful owner; (2) that accused had received the goods and (3) that accused knew when he received the goods that they had been unlawfully obtained.

As regards the first point, that was not difficult. On the second, it was known that accused took delivery and had the goods stored in his own name at the Wing On Godown and to his order.

The jury retired for 10 minutes and returned a verdict of guilty on all charges.

PLEA FOR LENIENCY

Mr. Macnamara said accused had an excellent character. He had a wife and two children and a prison sentence would ruin him entirely. He asked that a fine be imposed.

Accused had been in custody since his arrest and was not able to obtain bail.

His Lordship said the amount of money involved was considerable, but in assessing sentence, he would take into consideration accused's past record which was one he could be proud of. He also bore in the mind "Ta Kung Pao's" childlike faith in their employees, which might be idyllic but dangerous.

he greater part of the paper has been recovered but after all these considerations he could not accede to the suggestion that a fine would meet the case.

Sentence of six months was imposed.

POPE GRANTS AUDIENCE TO COUNT TELEKI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Vatican City, To-day.

The Pope received Count Teleki, Hungarian Prime Minister, yesterday morning, the reception lasted for 1½ hours.

At the end of their talk, the Pope expressed his hopes for peace and the prosperity of Hungary. — Havas.

There are the reports that the Soviet is concentrating troops in the Far East and Soviet patrols in Saghalien fired recently on Japanese patrols.

APPRECIABLE CHANGE

"All in all, there are indications that the Soviet Far Eastern policy has undergone an appreciable change and M. Molotov may be suspected of having forgotten his much-heralded declaration of last September when he said he would endeavour to improve relations with Japan," said the paper.

Well-informed quarters see another indication of the delicate state of Soviet-Japanese relations by the fact that a closed session was decided upon by the House of Peers when the War and Navy Ministries delivered replies to interpellations on Japanese policy towards the U.S.S.R. at a meeting of the Budget Sub-Committee. — Havas.

RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS

Tokyo, To-day.

The violation of Japanese territory by Soviet planes is reported in Japanese messages from the north-east frontier, where, the Japanese claim, the Russian flights were deliberately carried out for reconnaissance purposes. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone continues to move eastward; it covers Japan and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest near Tokyo. A depression is probably developing over Indo-China.

NO SENATE INQUIRY INTO PLANE SALES

Washington, To-day. Following the War Department's categorical denial that sales of war planes to the Allies interfered with the U.S. armament programme, the Senate military affairs committee, by five votes to four, decided against conducting an investigation into such sales. — Reuter.

EPICURES STARVING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

The Chungshan native guild here has issued a new appeal for collecting funds to help destitute refugees from the newly-occupied area. The drive is sponsored by prominent merchants.

Meanwhile Shanghai epicureans are feeling the pinch of the Japanese occupation of Chungshan, which has stopped exports of Cantonese food-stuffs such as oyster sauce and shrimp paste for which prices here are skyrocketing. — Havas.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 72 MARTYRS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

All Chinese schools, theatres and amusement resorts are closed to-day on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the 72 Canton martyrs.

A special commemorative ceremony will be held by members of the famed Lone Battalion of Chapei, in the premises where they are interned. — Havas.

SPORTS STARS ON R.A.F. STATION

One R.A.F. Station prides itself on the fact that since the war began its members have included probably the greatest collection of sporting celebrities that have ever come together at a service unit.

The list is certainly impressive. It includes two former captains of England in cricket, several county cricketers, many professional footballers of note, a number of boxers of world-wide repute, and even a table tennis and lawn tennis player who is known the world over.

At present at this Station are Pilot Officer R. W. V. Robins and Pilot Officer W. R. Hammond, the famous Test cricketers, who have with them Pilot Officer C. J. Barnett, another Test cricketer, Tom Whitaker the famous Arsenal trainer, R. Jones the Welsh International Rugby player, Pilot Officer J. C. Kilkenny, who has been capped several times for England in Amateur Soccer Internationals.

Well-known sporting figures who have undergone a course of instruction at this Station and have now gone to another Station, include Eric Filbey, English International table tennis player, who has also played lawn tennis for England, Bob Gregory the Surrey cricketer, and the following professional footballers:—

Sam Bartram (Charlton Athletic); V. F. Buckingham (Spurs); W. J. Crayston, A. J. Kirchen, N. W. Sidey, W. G. Marks, L. Scot, E. J. Drake and G. S. Glidden (All of the Arsenal).

Jack London, the heavyweight boxer, having finished his course at the Station, has gone to a School of Technical Training, where he will find another heavyweight boxer, G. James.

G. Ainsley, the England and Leeds United footballer, is at another School of Technical Training, while Whitfield and Parker, the Surrey cricketers, have still nearly a month of their national course of instruction before they, too will go out to some other R.A.F. station in the country.

OBITUARY

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of William John Gallagher, former chairman of the Rubber Growers Association. — Reuter.

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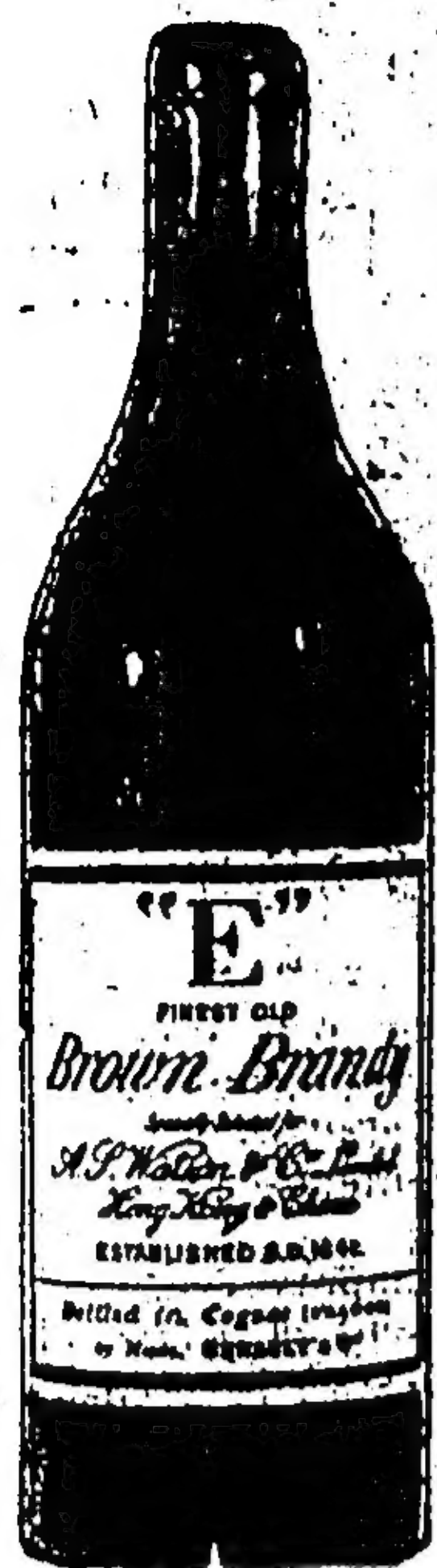
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

FRAIL CRAFT

Although the Hertzog group in the Transvaal has decided to form a new party pledged to secession, a great many Afrikaners in the north will refuse to have anything to do with it. They realize that the success of such a cause might soon be followed by the loss of the freedom and independence they now enjoy. One would indeed be a purblind optimist to believe that if the Union became an independent republic it would be able to exist in peace and security untroubled by the ambitions of its voracious neighbours. To launch the frail boat of a republican South Africa upon the seas running to-day would be to invite disaster.—Cape Argus.

INDIA'S DEADLOCK

Surely the present way out of India's deadlock is a frank Congress recognition of certain realities. We don't agree with the Muslim League that democracy is unsuited to India. We assert that it is the only form of Government which can succeed in this country, provided it is adapted to Indian conditions and conducted in the democratic spirit of compromise. India's goal is full Dominion status. The British Government desire that goal to be reached as early as possible for the simple reason that a peaceful and contented India will not only be a vast source of strength to the British Commonwealth in the future, but a settlement of difficulties now will ensure for Great Britain the willing co-operation of the whole Indian sub-continent in prosecuting the War. Would it not be wiser for Congress to sacrifice something of its idealism in return for a really valuable practical gain? It is also the duty of the minorities to state precisely what they consider essential to their security in order to facilitate a settlement.—Times of India.

THE ALTMARK CASE

A comprehensive ruling of international law may be postponed for some time in the case of the Altmark, but in the court of world opinion a verdict has already come down. A majority of neutral sentiment—in the United States an overwhelming majority—sanctions Britain's spectacular release of 300 seamen from the German prison ship in Norwegian waters. Indeed, something very like applause can be heard in America.

Norway may get some sympathy as a small neutral in a very tight spot. The British foray

was clearly a violation of territorial waters in defiance of Norwegian authorities. Yet Oslo is not on firm ground in its protest. Neutrals have obligations as well as rights, and Norway plainly was remiss in its handling of the Altmark—known to have been an auxiliary of the Graf Spee. Why was she not more thoroughly searched at Bergen? That she

was searched indicates Norway had a duty to prevent German use of Norwegian waters for war purposes. That duty was not performed. In the layman's eyes, failure to perform it goes a long way toward justifying Britain's action.

The neutral observer is bound to note that even as Berlin shouts that Britain has abandoned the "chivalry of the sea," two Swedish merchant ships have been sunk without warning by German torpedoes or mines. Considering all the circumstances the average American has a simple judgment in the case of the Altmark. He is likely to say: "I'd have done just what the British did."—Christian Science Monitor.

'TIS DISTANCE

Perhaps South Africa is so far removed from the actual scenes of war, there seems to prevail among a large section of our population a very light-hearted conception of what this war means, or may mean. Some of our prominent politicians, who might have been expected to show their sense of responsibility, and to have had some glimmering of what war means, are acting as irresponsibly as if there were no war. They are burying themselves in the pages of the past, and the little trumpery political grievances in which they seem to find satisfaction. They rarely spare a thought for the vast issues which are in the balance over the world. Presumably this irresponsibility is due to our remoteness from the war scenes of Europe.—Cape Times.

KEY TO SITUATION

The nation which holds a key to the current European war is neither Germany nor Italy. Nor is it Britain or France. Weighing the general situation, we perhaps could safely draw a conclusion that it is Russia which holds the balance in war or peace. But Mr. Welles does not visit Moscow. How then may Mr. Welles gain success in his "peace" efforts?

This visit of Mr. Welles to Europe would be interpreted as indicating simply an extension of President Roosevelt's domestic policy to seek election for the third term. If Mr. Roosevelt is elected again, it is already reported that America's participation in the European war will become inevitable. But the international situation in that event would be different as compared with the case in the last European war. Japan, Italy and Soviet Russia are taking different positions. If America should ever take erratic steps, she must be prepared to make Russia her enemy.

Japan in that event may remain indifferent to the outcome, maintaining her non-involvement policy. But America's attitude toward Japan must inevitably undergo a change.—"Yomiura Shimbun."

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS

In Canada the only controversy is between those who maintain they are doing their best to win the war, and those who maintain that that best is not good enough. South Africa is in a less happy position, and General Hertzog has not raised his reputation.

It was natural that he should wish to come back at General Smuts—in a manner reminiscent of Palmerston's famous "tit-for-tat with Johnny Russell"—and comprehensible that he should wish to justify his neutrality policy. The position is constitutionally difficult to argue, but statesmen sometimes rival ecclesiastics in casuistry, and General Hertzog could certainly have relied on a tolerant hearing for his views.

WAR NEEDS

Great Britain has drastically increased taxes to provide for war needs. It is high time that Canada should follow this example. True we have added a surtax of 20% to our income tax, but the vast bulk of the income of Canadians is only lightly taxed. A period of fierce trial such as that upon which we have now entered must prove either a time of disintegration or of the strengthening of the moral fibre of the nation.—Mr. H. R. Drummond, President of the Bank of Montreal.

That tolerance he and his lieutenant, Mr. Pirow, certainly received, but the effect of their speeches was simply deplorable. The ex-Premier did not, as had been expected, take the Afrikaner view, which may be described briefly but not inaccurately as Isolation—the Borah or Beaverbrook doctrine. On the contrary, his argument throughout was recognized, by Afrikaner and Briton alike, as similar to that put about by the German propagandists. As such it was resented by both sides in the Union Parliament; and while General Smuts had no difficulty in disposing of it, General Hertzog himself contributed most to his own downfall.—United Empire.

London Meeting Of Supreme War Council DECLARATION OF WAR POLICY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THAT THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE SUPREME WAR COUNCIL WAS HELD IN LONDON YESTERDAY. THE COUNCIL ASSEMBLED IN THE MORNING AND THERE WAS A FURTHER MEETING IN THE AFTERNOON.

France was represented by M. Paul Reynaud (Premier), M. Cesar Campinchi (Navy Minister) and M. Laurent Eynac (Air Minister), who were accompanied by M. Corbin (Ambassador in London), M. Alexis Leger (Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office), General Gamelin, Admiral Darlan (Navy chief), General Vuillemin (Air chief) and General Koeltz.

Great Britain was represented by Mr. Chamberlain, Lord Halifax (Foreign Secretary), Mr. Winston Churchill (First Lord of the Admiralty) and Sir Kingsley Wood (Air Minister), who were accompanied by Sir Alexander Cadogan (Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office), Air Marshal Sir Cyril Newall (Chief of Air Staff), Admiral Sir Dudley Pound (Chief of Naval Staff) and General Sir Edmund Ironside (Chief of the Imperial General Staff).

Mr. Chamberlain expressed gratification at being able to greet M. Reynaud for the first time as President du Conseil.

DECISIONS MADE

The Council passed in review developments in the strategic situation since their last meeting and decided on the future line of action.

In the light of the results achieved by the agreement of December last, signed by Sir John Simon (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and M. Reynaud (then French Finance Minister), and desiring to extend the scope of this agreement to all spheres affecting the interests and security of the two nations, the two Governments have agreed to the following solemn declaration:—

SOLEMN DECLARATION

"The Government of the French Republic and His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom mutually undertake that during the present war they will neither negotiate nor conclude an armistice or treaty of peace except by mutual agreement.

"They undertake not to discuss peace terms before reaching complete agreement on the conditions necessary to ensure to each of them an effective and lasting guarantee of their security.

"Finally, they undertake to maintain after the conclusion of peace a community of action in all spheres for so long as may be necessary to safeguard their security and to effect the reconstruction, with the assistance of other nations, of an international order which will ensure the liberty of peoples, respect for law and the maintenance of peace in Europe." — Reuter.

EMPHATIC APPROVAL

The solemn declaration with which the communique concludes closely accords with the feeling which is practically unanimous in Britain and, in particular, the undertaking to maintain, after the conclusion of peace, the closest Anglo-French cooperation is assured of general and emphatic approval.

It has been increasingly appreciated that as the nucleus of an international authority essential to ensuring such a settlement as the Allies have in view, the present Anglo-French alliance must be kept in being and strengthened.

It will be recalled that in his speech at Birmingham on February 24, the Prime Minister laid special emphasis on the pride and pleasure which every Frenchman with whom he had talked felt regarding the prospect of maintaining on a more permanent basis this close cooperation.

He added: "There could be no more hopeful assurance of our common victory and no more fruitful basis of a lasting peace because this intimate understanding which has grown up between us must not be allowed to come to an end when war is over. It must remain to help us to work out the problems of the New Europe which must come after the war in association with which we shall gladly welcome others who share our ideals."

IDENTITY OF PURPOSE

"We and France are determined to do what we can for security by the continuance of that complete identity of purpose and policy which now unites us and which will serve after the war for the firm foundation on which international relations between our two countries are built. Only so can we establish the authority and stability which are necessary for the

ARTILLERY WAKES UP IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Considerably more than the customary German artillery activity occurred on Wednesday in regions east of the Saar and Vosges.

Long-range harassing fire was concentrated on woods and points in the French lines.

The French, however, retaliated to a similar extent and the exchange reached considerable proportions for some time.

Both sides sent out patrols and there were some encounters in No-Man's Land. — Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The London Harbour dues will be increased from April 1. — Havas.

GERMANS REOPEN FRONTIER

Amsterdam, To-day.
The German Government have partly re-opened the frontier with Holland which they sealed 10 days ago.

Until yesterday a barrier prevented all traffic between the two countries. Now, for 10½ hours a day, people possessing the necessary visas are allowed to pass unhindered through gaps in the barriers. — Reuter.

security of Europe during the period of reconstruction and fresh endeavour to which we look forward after the war."

In the joint aims of the Allies expressed in the final sentence of the communique there is nothing humiliating or oppressive for any nation whether great or small. All equally stand to gain by the victory of those banded together to achieve the triumph of freedom.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded his Birmingham speech with the memorable words: "Until we are satisfied that freedom is safe we shall continue to fight to the utmost of our soul and of our strength."

It is clear from yesterday's communique that the British Prime Minister spoke for France as well as for England. — British Wireless.

SPRING CLASH OF ARMS FORESEEN

Rome, To-day.

The communique issued after the Supreme War Council of the Allies in London is regarded in Italian political circles as the most far-reaching and solemn declaration of unflinching solidarity made by the Allies since the outbreak of war.

On the face of it, it is said, the communique plainly conveys that the Allies will not take the initiative in any peace talks.

Political circles feel that such a categorical announcement would not have been made if the Sumner Welles tour offered the faintest promise of acceptable peace proposals, and the feeling has become stronger that the Spring must inevitably witness the clash of arms that the whole of Europe has been dreading.

The Anglo-French undertaking to act as one nation not only in war but in all fields of political settlement after the war, is described as disposing of all controversies between Britain and France regarding war aims. — Reuter.

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PRESENTS REPORT TO MR. ROOSEVELT: PEACE RULED OUT

New York, To-day.

MR. SUMNER WELLES, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, arrived here yesterday after his trip to Europe as President Roosevelt's special envoy and immediately entrained for Washington.

Mr. Welles declared he did not plan another visit to Europe but steadfastly declined to discuss or comment on any of the European personalities with whom he had conferred.

Mr. Burgin Declares:

DICE LOADED IN FAVOUR OF ALLIES

London, To-day.

Mr. Burgin, the Minister of Supply, announced in Belfast yesterday that a Belfast firm had received an order for 10,500 shells a week.

This would be accompanied by a large capital contribution from the Imperial Exchequer towards provision of new plant and machinery, and said Mr. Burgin, this was only the beginning.

Mr. Burgin, who is visiting Northern Ireland to see the progress of its war efforts, said: "We are willing to throw our entire weight into the scales, and like our gallant French Allies we pledge ourselves to total war."

"Although the fight may be hard, long and inexpressibly horrible, the dice are loaded in favour of victory for the Allies."—Reuter.

ULSTER'S CONTRIBUTION

Belfast, To-day.

Mr. Burgin paid tribute to the part Northern Ireland is playing in the total war effort.

Referring to the importance of the linen manufacturing industry, which just before the war gave employment in Northern Ireland to 60,000 people and consumed 40,000 tons of flax, Mr. Burgin said orders totalling over 30 million yards of material had already been placed with Northern Irish firms by the Ministry.

Drawing a contrast between the present and the last war he said that in the earlier struggle Ulster had met in very great measure the total need for linen for aircraft wings.

NEW NEEDS

In this war the linen industry was directed to other needs such as canvas for waterproof coverings and material for lighter pattern uniforms and manufacturers had given the Ministry great help in turning over heavy power looms to making cotton goods where the flax shortage demanded the use of substitute materials. The Ministry had also bought large quantities of rope, lines, cord and twine from Northern Ireland, Belfast having the largest single rope-making works in the world. Over 30,000 camouflage nets were also supplied by Northern Ireland to conceal guns, ammunition dumps, vehicles, tanks, buildings and stores.

ARMS ORDERS

Armament orders for several million pounds had been placed in Northern Ireland, in particular two Belfast firms, — first, Harland and Wolff, in

Some 25 reporters greeted Mr. Welles on the liner and he merely jokingly said to them: "I can give you some real news — I am mighty glad to see you and glad to be home," but "no comment" was his only answer to virtually every question.

Shortly after Mr. Welles' arrival in Washington President Roosevelt received his report on his fact-finding tour.

High officials here expressed little optimism regarding the possibilities of peace following Mr. Welles' tour.

MR. WELLES SATISFIED

Nevertheless Mr. Welles was apparently satisfied with the results of the journey. He stated he had had every opportunity given to get the information for which he was sent. Beyond this he refused to comment.

Mr. Welles conferred briefly with the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, and then both went to the White House to deliver the report.—Reuter.

NOTHING DOING

Los Angeles, To-day.

The "Los Angeles Times" says that those who talk glibly of the prospects of an imminent negotiated peace coming from the blue evidently fail to realise that such a formidable world power as the British Empire has not mobilised its tremendous resources only to back down without making any use of them or trying its luck on the field of battle. — Reuter.

CONCENTRATION ON WAR PRODUCTION

London, To-day.

The way in which the British motor industry is concentrating on work for the Army and Air Force and how Britain is going all out for petrol rationing is shown by the figures for last month's registrations.

Less than 10,000 cars were registered, for the first time, as compared with 34,000 in February, 1939.—Reuter.

CANADIAN AMBULANCE FOR THE POLES

London, To-day.

The Canadian Red Cross has presented an ambulance for the use of the Polish troops in France.

The presentation was made to the Polish Ambassador in London by Mr. R. B. Bennett, former Conservative Premier of Canada, on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross.—Reuter.

whose shipyard, the greatest in the world, every slip now had a ship in course of construction and whose contribution, by increasing the capacity of the works for manufacture of guns, mountings and armoured fighting vehicles had been enormous, and, secondly, Short and Harland, employing 20,000 people in aircraft manufacture for the Air Ministry, whose large orders already placed would be substantially increased when developments at present in hand were completed. — British Wireless.

SOCIAL CREDIT WINS AGAIN

Edmonton (Alberta), To-day.

The Social Credit Government, led by the 61-year-old Bible teacher and religious broadcaster, Dr. Aberhart, was returned to power in the provincial election.

The latest state of the parties was: Social Credit 29, Independent 17, Labour 1.

Social Credit candidates are leading in nine other constituencies and the Independents in one. —Reuter.

ALLIED ACCORD WITH U.S.

Washington, To-day.

It is predicted here that the almost complete success of the Allied economic mission of Mr. Ashton-Gwatkin and Prof. Rist will be announced in the immediate future.

Arrangements are said to have been reached, inter alia, for

Firstly, the resumption of British purchases on a small scale of American tobacco and fruit;

Secondly, the establishment of a control station on the eastern coast of Canada;

Thirdly, perfection of the navicert system as regards American ships; and,

Fourthly, permission for certain German products which the United States cannot purchase elsewhere to pass through the contraband control.

Britain is reported to have taken an unalterably firm stand on the question of censorship of mails. — Reuter.

NEW LANDMARK IN HISTORY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Political circles both here and in London hail the official announcement issued by the Supreme War Council in London as a new landmark in world history.

Both countries have definitely renounced the policy of isolation and have pledged themselves to extend their present close co-operation in peacetime.

The ground has thus been created for an international order based on peace and justice for which both nations are now fighting.

Britain and France, however, clearly showed they do not intend to impose their hegemony upon Europe as they openly recognised that all nations should participate in building a new and better continent.—Havas.

CANADIAN ELECTION TRIUMPH

London, To-day.

The Canadian elections were the subject of leading articles in the British Press yesterday.

"The Times" says that even those who were critical of and distrusted the Government preferred to leave the conduct of the war in their hands.

The "Daily Herald" comments that the various "stop the war" candidates were almost annihilated. Canada has given an overwhelming demonstration of her resolve to stand beside Britain in the fight for freedom.

The same view is expressed by the "Manchester Guardian" and the "Yorkshire Post." The latter says that the people of Britain are greatly cheered by every fresh evidence of Canada's resolution to stand shoulder to shoulder to defeat Hitler. The British Empire is as true as steel.—Reuter.

LATEST FIGURES

Ottawa, To-day.

The latest results in the Canadian elections make the position:—Liberals, 177 seats; Conservatives, 39 seats. Three seats are still undecided.—Reuter.

DECKS CLEAR

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times," commenting on the Canadian elections, says: "Premier Mackenzie King must feel well pleased with himself to-day... the decks are clear, in Mr. King's words, for a vigorous war effort by a united country."—Reuter.

ARMY CASUALTIES

London, To-day.

The names of 100 officers and men and 12 women who died on active service appear in the third War Office casualty list published yesterday.

The names comprise: — died, 714; died of wounds, 3; died of wounds while prisoner of war, 1; killed, 1; wounded, 6.

Officers whose names appear in the list include Lt. (Quartermaster) E. Smith, the youngest holder of the Victoria Cross in the Great War, who died in France last January.

There were 141 warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Artillery who died on active service and the next highest death roll is that of the Royal Army Service Corps, with 79. — Reuter.

ANOTHER NAZI SHIP AGROUND

Oslo, To-day.

The German ship Ostpreussen, which ran aground in North Jutland some days ago while evading British warships, has been joined by another German vessel, the trawler Wilhelm and Marie, which ran aground on Tuesday night.—Reuter.

*** A vessel of 242 tons, the Wilhelm and Marie was built in 1914. She was owned by Reederei Siebert & Co., of Wesermünde.

AUSTRALIAN BUDGET

Canberra, To-day.

The Australian Budget will be submitted to the Commonwealth Parliament on April 17.—Reuter.

News Snack Bar

BABY KIDNAPPING CASE STILL IN NEWS

MUTTERING A CURSE, Bruno Hauptmann, sentenced to death for the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, went to the electric chair just four years ago.

"I suppose there will be in the death chamber many of those who helped to prepare the prosecution against me. It is my belief," he declared, "their suffering, their agony, will be greater than mine. Mine will be over in a minute. Theirs will last for ever."

Then the curtain rang down on that act of the world's most notorious crime case, four years after the opening scene of the kidnapping. But was it the final curtain?

Eight years have passed since the kidnapping. In that time, death, heartbreak and misery have struck at many of the principal actors in the drama.

Lindbergh, central figure, became a world hero overnight when he flew the Atlantic solo in 1927. Now he travels from one country to another trying to forget the past; target of violent criticism for his acceptance of a high German honour from Hitler; for his activities in international affairs.

Violet Sharpe, maid employed by Mrs. Lindbergh's mother, committed suicide after her interrogation by police. Ernie Brinkert, who was with her on the night of the kidnapping, was slain last December.

Elizabeth Morgan, aunt of the kidnapped baby, died a month before Hauptmann's trial began.

Death has claimed, too, two of the jurors, Lindbergh's butler and the butler's wife, Isadore Fisch, from whom Hauptmann said he got the ransom money, and Gaston B. Means, who died while serving a sentence for the ransom hoax, which cost Evalyn Walsh McLean £26,000.

Paul Gebhart, a shopkeeper, grew rich from the crime's notoriety. He bought a new car, and crashed to death in it.

POLICE LOST JOBS

Three of the policemen concerned in the investigations, including the New Jersey State Police Chief, have lost their jobs. So have the warden of the gaol where Hauptmann was confined, and the Coroner of the county where the baby's body was found.

The story of the effect of the "curse" goes on. Hauptmann's lawyer suffered a nervous breakdown soon after the trial. He has since been declared insane. Manfred, Hauptmann's six-year-old son, broke his leg.

William Allen, who received a £1,000 reward for finding the baby's body, is now broke, and working at odd jobs.

Call The Defendant

A youth fined 10s. at Belfast for disorderly conduct in a picture-house was named Francisco Antonia Notar-anotalantonionia.



"Canard Enchaîné"

"Well, and who are you?"
"Oh, I was the neutral."



"Daily Herald"

"Did you ever know a war that was all beer and skittles?"
"No. But I know one now that's all fear and scuttles."

London

THOUGHT HUSBAND FELL FROM BED!

The landlady of an East Coast hotel heard a bang—and smiled knowingly. Then she called out to her husband upstairs—

"What is the matter? Have you fallen out of bed?"

He hadn't. The bang she heard was a German mine exploding a few hundred yards away.

The mine had been floating about among rocks close to the hotel, which, however, was sheltered by a small headland. Houses in a neighbouring town were shaken.

The explosion blasted a large hole in the rocks and missed the main sewer of the town by six or seven feet.

Exchange of

Prisoners

Plans are under way for exchanges of war prisoners, Mr. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reveals in a written reply to a question by Lady Astor.

He's Had Enough

Of It

A German second lieutenant, who was wounded four times in the last war, has deserted into Belgium by crossing the frontier at Vervier, it was announced in Brussels says Associated Press.

Five Million Gas-Masks

Have Been Wasted

Four million gas-masks have been wasted owing to bad distribution and loss or damage. Another million respirators had been expended during the fitting census and training.

This is revealed in the report of Sir Gilbert C. Upcott, comptroller and auditor-general, Exchequer and Audit Department.

Approximately 44½ million respirators had been issued by March 31 last, and 50½ million by September in respect of an estimated population of 43½ millions.

Champion Canary

Is Worth £50

A baby bird raised in a back-yard by a Liverpool policeman, has won the "blue ribbon" of the canary world. It is worth £50.

At the National (Red Cross) Exhibition of Caged Birds at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, it has been awarded the national challenge trophy for the best canary or hybrid. The bird is owned by Mr. J. Elythe of the Liverpool Police.

Bishop III,

Resigns

The Bishop of Leicester has resigned from the See of Leicester on grounds of health. It will take effect on April 12.

Then Winston

Wincled

When a man in Detmold quarrelled with his wife he told her that she "lied like Winston Churchill."

The wife, indignant, took her husband to court, where he was fined for the "insult," says a message from Amsterdam.

79,000,000

Germans Now

The Berlin wireless announces that the census held at the end of 1939 showed the population of Greater Germany to be 79,400,000, an increase of 3,000,000 since 1938.

Convicts Ask

For Poetry

The prison governors of Houston, Texas, asked a book store to submit prices for books requested in the prison library. The list included: "Writing Poetry," "Forms of Poetry" and "Harmony for Beginners."

BUMPED OFF IN THE BIGHT

"We got bumped off in the Heligoland Bight, but the crew were saved. I'm well and very fit—but, oh, for an English pint and a salt beef dinner."

This message on a postcard which Mr. Jack Webster, licensee of a Norwich hotel, has received from his brother, Petty Officer Albert Webster (of the Starfish), now a prisoner of war in Germany, confirms that the crew of the submarine were saved.

The postcard began with the request to see that his mother wants for nothing "till I've finished my holiday."

U.S. Red Cross Sends Supplies To Germany

The American Red Cross has contributed £6,000 worth of medical supplies to Germany since the war, for which the German Red Cross has sent its thanks, stating that the supplies have been used for sick and wounded Poles.

This is announced by the official German news agency.

Bought Baby

For Is.

A bouncing six-week-old baby has been bought by Mrs. Smith, of Garrett, Kentucky, for one shilling.

Mrs. Smith already has two children, but she wanted another badly, so called on an unmarried mother near Garrett and begged to be allowed to adopt her baby.

The mother said, "No, I will sell him, but I won't give him away."

Mrs. Smith opened her purse and found only twenty-five cents. "This is all I have," she said.

"Sold," replied the mother.

Anti-Gossip Films

To Help The Allies

A series of short British films, three of which have gone into production, have been commissioned as part of the nation-wide anti-gossip campaign.

These films will be entitled "All Hands," "Dangerous Comment," and "Prattle."

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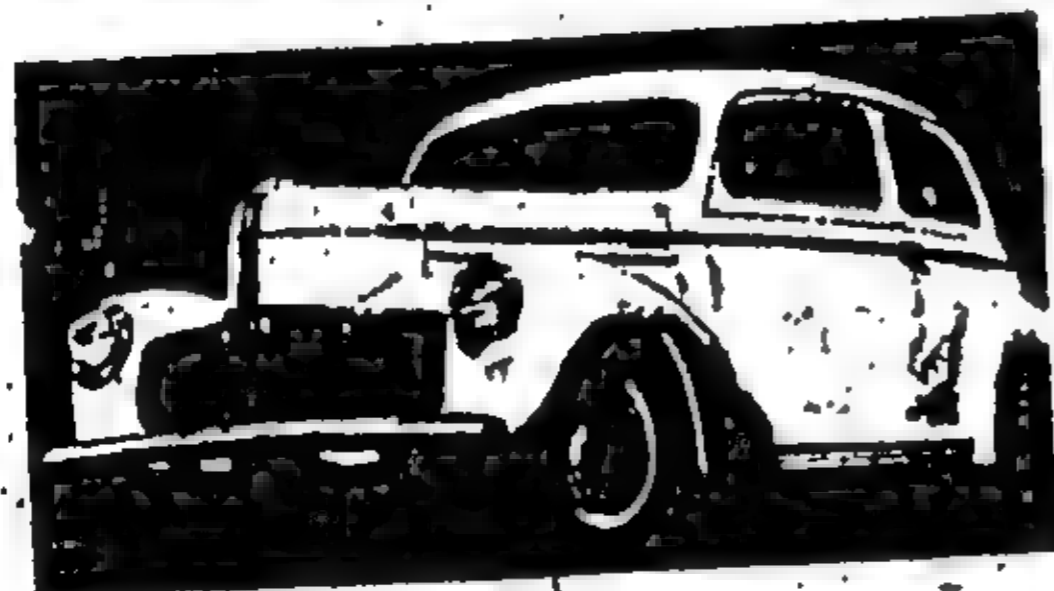
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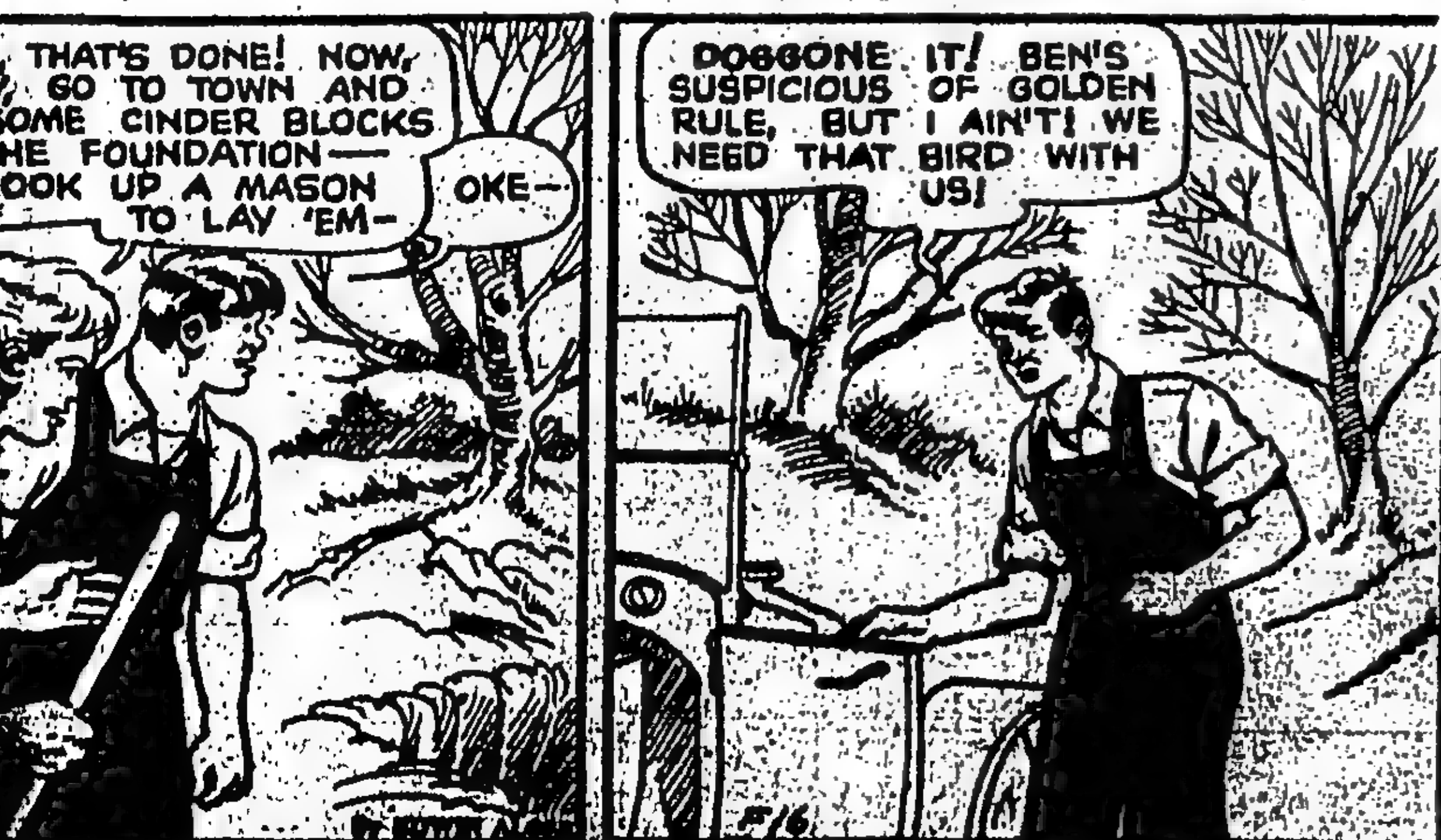
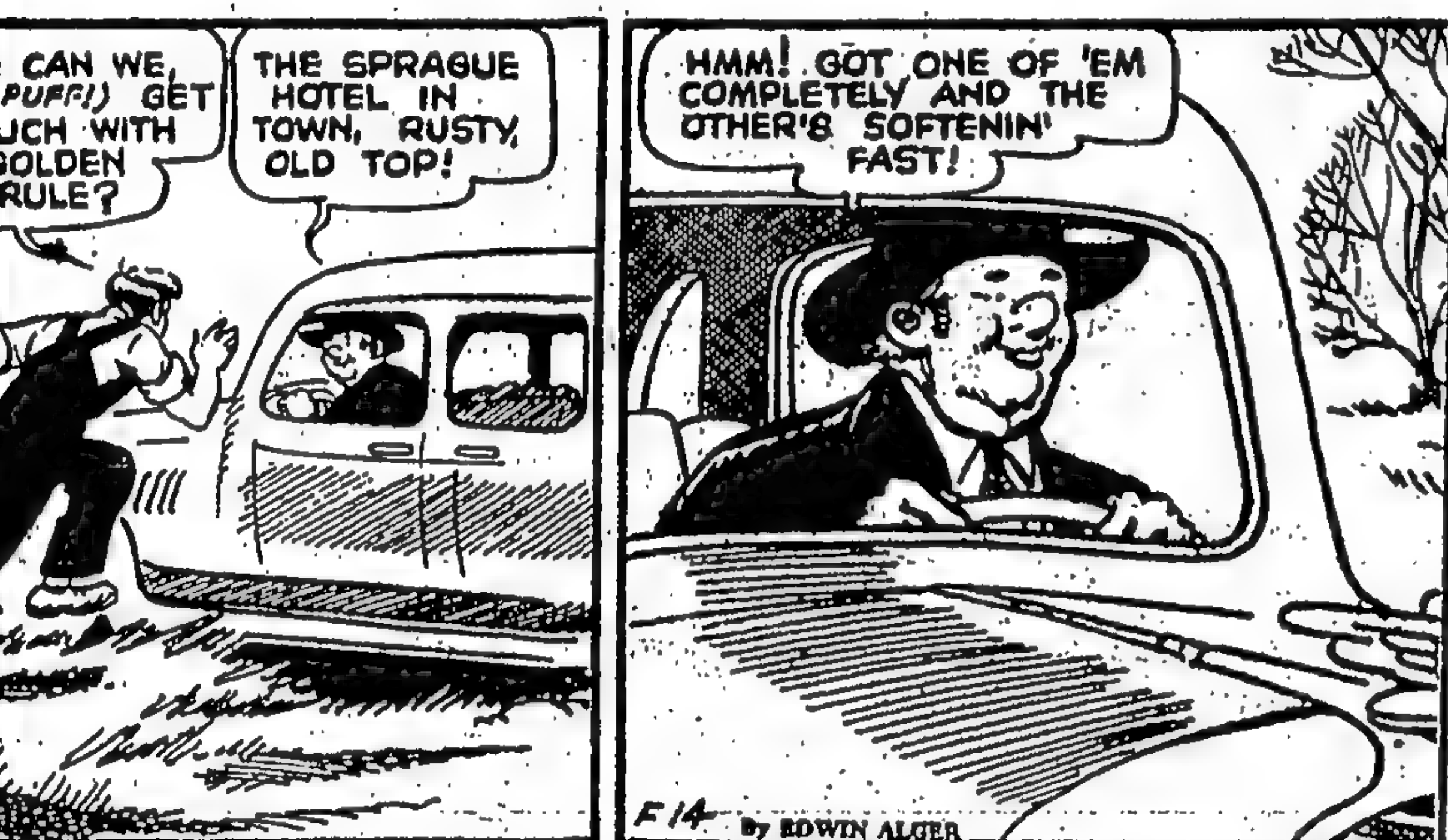
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IT'S THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Father and son faced one another across the old-fashioned mahogany desk, their faces flushed with argument.

Old Forbes took off his pince-nez with a gesture of finality. It was a movement the significance of which was known to every one of the hundreds of employees of Forbes and McSweyn. With a smile which suffused every inch of the pink face under the shining bald pate, he said, conclusively:

"No, my dear Hugh. The policy of Forbes and McSweyn has always been solid and conservative . . . It's no use . . ."

Hugh walked across the gloomy office with ill-concealed impatience and stood looking across the busy street. His eyes were fixed on the bare, gleaming facade of Hickman's Store across the way.

In the spare efficient lines of Hickman's building was expressed the threat to their own business which he yearned to combat. With an inward groan he watched the throng of eager shoppers, surging round Hickman's windows, invading their doors. Their own windows were invisible. But without seeing them he knew that no such crowds were being drawn to them.

Hugh turned towards his father. He'd said all this before, and would say it again.

"It's galling for me to see the old firm losing out, and everything I suggest doing to even things up squashed without a trial. If you didn't want me to pick up new ideas why did you send me to study retail store methods in the States and Canada? . . . If you'd let me try just one or two stunts, I'd beat Hickman's at their own game. . ."

Forbes senior broke in calmly, "That's all very well, Hugh. But we've always served the best people in this town: your methods would antagonise them . . . I know your intentions are good, but you want to move too fast. . ."

Hugh moved impatiently towards the door. "I suppose you won't be convinced until Hickman's close us up." He slammed the door behind him.

Forbes senior watched him go with something like relief. He disliked these arguments. Damn Hickman's. Forbes and McSweyn had been running successfully for fifty years on sound, conservative lines. And still would!

This morning he felt rather tired and old. He phoned that he was not to be disturbed for fifteen minutes and locked the door; when you're sixty-five a nap in the middle of the morning is a better revive than a cup of coffee.

Below Hugh Forbes was making his morning tour of the shop. He passed through the men's clothing department on the third floor, and called the buyer, a dour individual who had been buying coats and suits for thirty years.

"Oh, by the way, Stewart. Don't you think a man's department should be on the main floor? I see Hickman's have adopted the idea. A man wants to hop in and out quickly. . ."

The buyer looked at Hugh suspiciously, scenting some change which would disturb his mature equanimity. He did not really fear this young merchandise manager with his new ideas. Old Mr. Forbes kept him pretty well in his place.

"Well, sir, if I may say so, I think things are pretty right as they are. After all, men do come up to this floor. . ."

Not very hopefully Hugh made a note that an alteration should be submitted for his father's consideration.

In the Ribbons and Laces an Amazon of a woman buyer objected to his criticism of one of the assistants who was taking advantage of a lull in business to knit a gaily coloured jumper.

In the Silk Stockings he became aware of an altercation between a customer and one of the assistants. And what a customer!

He saw, with a quickened heart-beat which he tried vainly to suppress, green-grey eyes in a pale face surrounded by perfect auburn curls and a green beret.

Straightening his tie, he walked up in his best professional manner, and

was gratified to hear the assistant's insolent tones change to mild apology at his approach.

"What is the trouble, Miss Marsh?" There was something vaguely reminiscent about the girl in the green beret. He looked sternly at the assistant and was somewhat abashed at a glimpse of a smile on Green Beret's lips. He felt himself blushing.

This was absurd. He turned for relief to the assistant's sullen face. "I'm sorry, Mr. Forbes. But madam asked for Four Wolf stockings and we don't stock them. I was just trying to convince her that these are just as good."

He did not notice the little start which Green Beret gave at the assistant's words. When he turned to pacify her, her expression was perfectly composed, although there was a twinkle in the green-grey eyes.

Again something foolish happened to his heart, and he felt himself blushing. "I . . . er . . . can't we get them for you, madam?"

Before she spoke he knew that her voice would be the most musical he had ever heard in all his thirty-five years. She picked up her bag from the counter. "Please don't bother. It's perfectly all right."

Confusedly, he watched her move gracefully through the department. A last glimpse of trim ankles under a green skirt, and she was gone.

He roused himself guiltily from his reverie, and turned to the assistant. . .

Up in his office, Forbes senior unlocked his door in a thundering bad temper. He was annoyed with himself for sleeping too long, and still more annoyed with whichever of his minions dared to disturb his slumbers by banging on the door.

It was Green Beret. Grey-green eyes looked with amusement at the old

dered moodily into the Advertising Room, and crossed to the desk where the Sunday advertisements were ready for him.

The same old story. Hickman's had taken twice the space and used it ten times as tellingly. He stormed out of the room, and half collided with a girl who was entering at the same moment.

"Why the devil—" he grumbled, and stopped short.

Familiar green grey eyes under auburn hair looked into his with a hint of a smile in their depths.

"You!" he stuttered in his amazement. . . . Where did you spring from?"

The smile persisted. "I beg your pardon, Mr. Forbes. But I'm the new assistant in the Advertising Department. Mr. Forbes senior engaged me . . . just after our last meeting . . ."

Again that tantalising smile. Hugh began to feel that working as merchandise manager for Forbes and McSweyn, even with limited powers, was going to be a far more interesting job from now onwards. "I was just getting a little local colour before my interview. I'd been making fake purchases in a number of departments. So sorry if I seemed to waste your valuable time."

Was there distant mockery in her tone? Hugh felt absurdly embarrassed, and cursed himself for it. "See you later Miss . . ."

"Miss Robertson." He tried to make his voice sound important without any considerable success. He pointed ruefully to one of Hickman's advertisements. "We need new blood in the Advertising Department, goodness only knows."

He checked himself hurriedly. This was no way for the merchandise manager to talk to a ridiculously young

"You'll insist on wider and better newspaper advertising?"

"I will."

"And on additional lifts?"

"Additional lifts."

"And on a bargain basement to compete with Hickman's?"

"Good Lord, Jean. The old man'll go stark staring mad . . . But I'll insist on that, too."

"And you'll make him send you on a buying trip to France and Germany and Italy." In the darkness of the taxi he did not see her smile. . . .

"I'll even do that, Jean, although I'm afraid it'll give the old man apoplexy. Now give me a kiss and say it's a bargain . . ."

It was agreed. Jean's price was his promise to assert himself.

The ostensible purpose of the annual meeting of buyers and executives at Forbes and McSweyn's is to give the lesser luminaries a chance of a say in the policy of the store for the forthcoming year. Practically, however, it degenerates into a monologue from Forbes senior, who tells his attentive dependants what the policy will be. . .

As Hugh looked at his father's face and then at the circle of Amazons and males which comprised the buyers, his heart turned to water. What chance was there of impressing this crowd?

To his surprise, Jean was present, trim and alluring, with pencil poised above an open note book. His eyes must have betrayed his surprise, for his father said, rather uncomfortably, "Miss Robertson is taking down the minutes of the meeting."

It was going to make things harder than ever. . . .

Up to a point the meeting went smoothly on its time-honoured course. Then, slowly at first but with increasing fluency Hugh uttered his amazing ultimatum. Inwardly he was sick with apprehension. But all the time, as he saw his father turn first red, then purple, and the amused sniggers on the faces of the assembled buyers, he was fortified by the occasional glances from the green-grey eyes opposite.

When he sat down, he saw his father rise to speak; he knew that he had failed.

He could have wept. . . .

Then the miracle happened. He could hardly believe his eyes when he noticed that the green grey eyes were no longer level with him. Or his ears when he heard her opening words. . .

"Ladies and gentlemen, I have a little secret to divulge. I must confess that I have been working among you under false pretences, but with a purpose."

Her voice was quiet, but had a steely determination. . . . "conservatism can be overdone . . . we need new methods to combat new competition . . . and as the largest shareholder and virtual controller of this business, I must add that I entirely and emphatically agree with Mr. Hugh's recommendations. . ."

Hugh didn't really hear.

He was overwhelmed—but not nearly as flabbergasted as Forbes Senior, who could do nothing to save his face but adopt Hugh's proposals almost in their entirety.

Hugh and his brighter and better advertising, his extra lifts, and his bargain basement. Also his tour of France, Germany and Italy. Jean went too, and they made it a combined buying trip and honeymoon.

Short Story — By Russell Heatley

man's astonishment. "Yes, Mr. Forbes. It really is I . . ."

He stared. "I'm sorry . . . Good heavens!" Blank incredulity replaced annoyed astonishment.

"Jean McSweyn!"

Green Beret smiled. "Right first time, Mr. Forbes. Or shouldn't this tableau be called The Return of the Sleeping Partner? . . . Sorry I didn't let you know. But I thought it would be rather fun to descend on you unexpectedly. . . . It's been fun altogether. Coming home after being abroad since I was four."

"Sit down, sit down."

There was the faintest trace of agitation in Mr. Forbes' voice. At sixty-five it is disconcerting to have your ex-partner's only daughter descend upon you out of the blue. Especially if she owns more than half the shares in the business, and has formerly taken no active interest in it. He wagged his forefinger excitedly.

"Well, well, well! I suppose you've just returned for a holiday. . . . Or do you plan to live in this country now that your poor mother's death no longer makes it necessary for you to live abroad?"

He waited apprehensively. Somehow the length of silk stockings leg which Jean displayed, and her carefully carmined lips looked incongruous in his gloomy office.

She dropped the bombshell, lightly, carelessly.

"Oh, no. I'm here for good."

They talked for a while. Anyone who knew Mr. Forbes would have told you that the number of times his pince-nez travelled from nose to case and back again meant that he was decidedly worried.

There was worse to come.

"I'm going to take an interest in the business. But I want it to be anonymous to begin with."

Monday was always a distressing day for Hugh, for on Mondays his first job was to look over Hickman's Sunday advertising. Invariably this led to a stormy scene with his father during which he vainly pleaded for a larger advertising appropriation. He wan-

recruit to the staff. She looked so absurdly young and trim and smart.

During the next week, Hugh found it necessary to make a surprising number of visits to the Advertising Room. There were few mornings or afternoons during which it was not urgently necessary to discuss something with Jean. He called her that after exactly three days.

What was more surprising was to find someone who exactly shared his feelings about the way the firm was going, someone who shared his own knowledge of up-to-date store methods overseas, someone who agreed with him on almost every point when he expounded his scheme for the downfall of the ever encroaching Hickman.

Someone who nevertheless maintained an impenetrable reserve when it came to talking about herself, even though she let him take her out.

And someone altogether adorable. . . . Fear of Hickman's was succeeded by another kind of fear; fear that Jean would turn him down when he asked to marry her.

Already he fancied she despised him for knuckling under to his father so much. He thought he had noticed a faint contempt in the grey green eyes when he announced that some pet scheme which she had enthusiastically approved had to be turned down because of objections from Forbes senior.

He proposed one moonlit evening while they drove recklessly up and down the street in a taxi after the theatre.

His words flowed incoherently as stray wisps of her auburn hair tickled his chin. . . . "You see how things are, darling," he concluded rather lamely.

"But if you say 'Yes' I'm going to put my ideas at the meeting. And if the old man doesn't bow to the inevitable I'm going to quit."

The intoxication of the moment made him feel as if he could move a mountain.

"You'll do that?" She caught her breath.

"I will," he answered stoutly.

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SECRETS OF THE GERMAN ESPIONAGE SERVICE

THE WAR OF NERVES

One of the principal methods of espionage as employed by the Germans in Poland consisted in economic penetration. The object of this was to control the military potential, to procure documents, to prepare sabotage, to hold up the supplies of raw materials when the time came, etc. It has already been pointed out that the Germans were especially interested in aviation, in the chemical industry and in telecommunications. Recently, they were also interested in the automobile industry. The Germans succeeded in organising a far-reaching economic penetration, thanks to their commercial travellers and representatives and also to their specialists.

The following cases have been adduced: The X. . . aeroplane factory, specialised in bombers, the Y. . . factory in screws; the Z. . . factory furnished packings. And the labels for these packings were produced by a printing plant. The last-named, which was not bound to military secrecy, aroused the interest of the Germans. The result was that they were speedily informed of the number of planes and screws that had been packed.

This is how the Germans were perfectly aware of the strength of the Polish air force. Poland had excellent pilots who, very fortunately, have not been captured by the Germans. The words I heard on the lips of all the brave Polish fliers during my wanderings in Poland were: "If we only had 500 pursuit planes."

Poland, at the mercy of the enemy owing to the destruction of her aerodromes, had to organise her anti-aircraft batteries as best she could—for instance, to install them on the roofs of town and even country dwellings. The trains evacuating the children should also have been armed.

By
Konrad Wrzos

The fourth day of the war, one of my colleagues and myself accompanied the British military mission from Lwow to Pulawy. Hearing that a French diplomatic courier, Mr. G. . . had arrived in Lwow, I persuaded him to come with me in my compartment and thus was able to save the precious documents in his possession. During the night, our train continued its journey without any incident, but as soon as day broke, a German plane pursued it and made it its target. It may be queried whether the pilot had been informed that members of the British mission were travelling by this train. The British were convinced that this was the case. Their conviction was based upon the fact that the passage of the British mission had been announced by telephone at the Rumanian frontier. However this may be, the journey was extremely lively; at every second minute, when the plane approached, we had to get out of the train and take shelter in the fields.

The reactions of the British were perfect, almost automatic. When the train stopped for a few minutes, they took this opportunity to get out and shave. When the danger increased, they took off their golf clothes and appeared in uniform. The French courier was imperturbable; his whole mind was concentrated on his "pouch" for which he would have risked his life. He had already seen the war of 1914 and was well acquainted with the German methods. We could not abstain from shuddering at the sight of the tiny corpses of the children who had been killed during the bombing of the train that had preceded us. It was an unforgettable vision of tragedy and horror.

At Lublin, on the eighth day of the war, I chanced to pass by a military hospital. The courageous doctor, Captain K., who united in his person the functions of ambulance driver, surgeon, male nurse, etc., told me that wherever it passed, his ambulance had been closely followed by the German planes. The Germans were regularly informed of its movements by

one of their agents, who employed luminous signals.

And then a further chapter of this narrative: the secret wireless transmitters. During the defence of Warsaw, the Polish listeners heard the voice of an unknown speaker asking the population to cease its resistance. He spoke Polish perfectly and even took care to announce the time of his next emission. . . But meanwhile, the Polish technicians had succeeded in locating the secret post, which was hidden in the suburbs of the capital. The result was that the broadcast an-

nounced by Germany did not take place.

In the suburb of Praga, a powerful short-wave transmitter was discovered at the house of a German agent who for long had succeeded in posing as a Pole; it was concealed in a wardrobe. During the whole of the hostilities, this sender continuously disseminated news calculated to produce

a panic in the country. Before the war, this spy had been generally reputed as an honest tradesman and as an ardent Polish patriot. But, in fact, most of his commercial transactions were with Germany.

And not only the German firms had in Poland numerous representatives, but many of their enterprises had established branches in the country. The German espionage service had ramifications which extended to the

metallurgical industry, the chemical factories and the wireless enterprises. Numerous technical posts in these industries were occupied by German agents. This penetration was facilitated by the centralisation and the development of these industries.

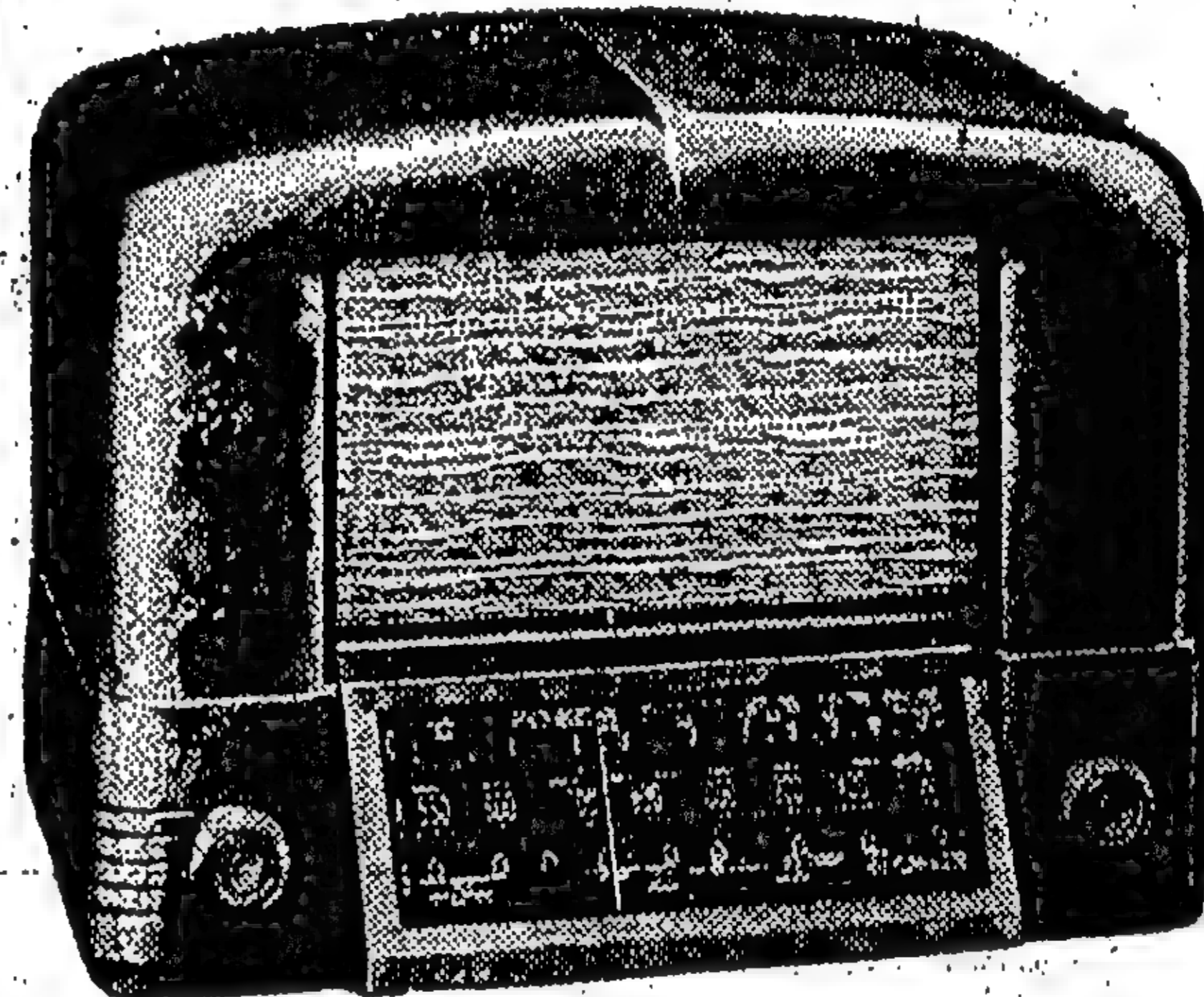
The German economic espionage was organised in Poland by the great German chemical and electrical firms. It is unnecessary to mention their names, too wellknown in all countries by their propaganda for their medical specialities, their cleansing products and their electrical apparatus.

Further, the activity of the foreign advertising agents of these firms was not confined to the commercial field. . . Here it is possible to touch upon the case of one of these advertising bureaux in Warsaw.

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The War Of Nerves

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But it is necessary to revert to the question of the wireless and to point to a further example of the activity exercised by certain firms. One of these proposed through its Polish agent alterations of certain parts of the wireless transmitters in order to improve their efficiency. Another international firm even received an order for parts of the same kind from the Polish army. As a matter of fact, these various consignments enabled the Germans to check the exact number of the different types of transmitters and their location in Poland.

Thus by infinite ramifications, the Gestapo had succeeded in extending to the whole of Poland a closely meshed network of espionage which at the given moment was destined to paralyse completely the Polish resistance.

The part played by wireless in the Polish war was extremely important. The Germans had supplied the German minority in Poland not only with receiving stations but also with senders. The latter, constructed in series, were designed to launch false news in order to create a panic. The most powerful had been installed in the suburbs of the great cities. They were to assure the connections with the German General Staff (the stations for this purpose were less powerful and more mobile) and to inform the German planes. The organisation was not complicated and was based on the same system as that functioning during the Spanish civil war.

Let us take an example. The German bombers destroyed railway junctions, bombed certain points in the forests in which tanks had been concealed. Later, it was discovered that a German spy had been in the vicinity with a sender by which he informed the German planes of the various movements of the troops.

It must be admitted that the organisation of the German wireless was marvellously conceived and carried out.

Long before the war, the Germans had prepared false statements to be attributed to the Polish Government, false interviews of Poles on records reproducing the voices of Polish speakers, whereas the real Polish transmissions were to be stifled by atmospheric.

As soon as a city had been occupied by the Germans, their first care was to replace the Polish wireless staff by Germans speaking Polish. Then the Polish posts were connected with the German stations.

The whole of this organisation had been carefully prepared in advance. It is true that in the cases mentioned, care has been taken to avoid touching upon any specifically military questions.

Some day, the Polish Intelligence

Service may be in a position to state that it was fortunately able to discover certain cases of treason before the war. It might, in particular, quote the case of an Office B... who, sent on mission to Berlin, was in reality attached to the German services. This affair culminated in Warsaw in a sensational trial. Further, it is possible to mention the case of another officer, who, faced with the proof of his guilt, chose the alternative of suicide. Despicable events, happily few in number, and not of a nature to cause a stain on the honour of the heroic Polish Army.

In conclusion, it is necessary to recall that the Germans had organised in Poland a network of espionage based upon the ethical minorities and on the disguised agents of the Nazis. This espionage was not merely military (a matter difficult to carry through) or technical (easy owing to the conciliatory character of the Poles). It was a psychological and ideological organisation, which, for the same reasons, could be easily realised in Poland. The Germans benefited by the confidence of the Poles and succeeded in intoxicating them by their propaganda.

The "luxury" spies held their as-sizes in the higher classes of Polish society. Moreover, at the present time, espionage is not merely confined to the theft of documents, which is more complicated since it extends to several domains and demands numerous qualifications.

Above all things, this department demands powerful psychological gifts, including that of foreseeing the reactions of the enemy, his decisions and his rejoinders.

It is possible to refer to one case in Poland, where the Germans have played this card: A Polish military leader, in whom the Poles placed entire confidence, showed in the course of the war a considerable inability to take a decision. This caused general surprise. Some time before the hostilities, the Polish commander, suffering from a throat disease, had called in a German doctor. The latter put him under observation and had every opportunity of making the complete acquaintance of his patient. On returning to Germany, the doctor established a psychological report. The German General Staff was able to draw very useful conclusions.

The Polish tragedy shows that, in wartime, all information is important. Psychological data are as useful as military information. This is why all appeals to prudence should be noted and followed in the whole world. It is the duty of each free citizen to observe them. It is a question of life or death of his country and of human freedom.

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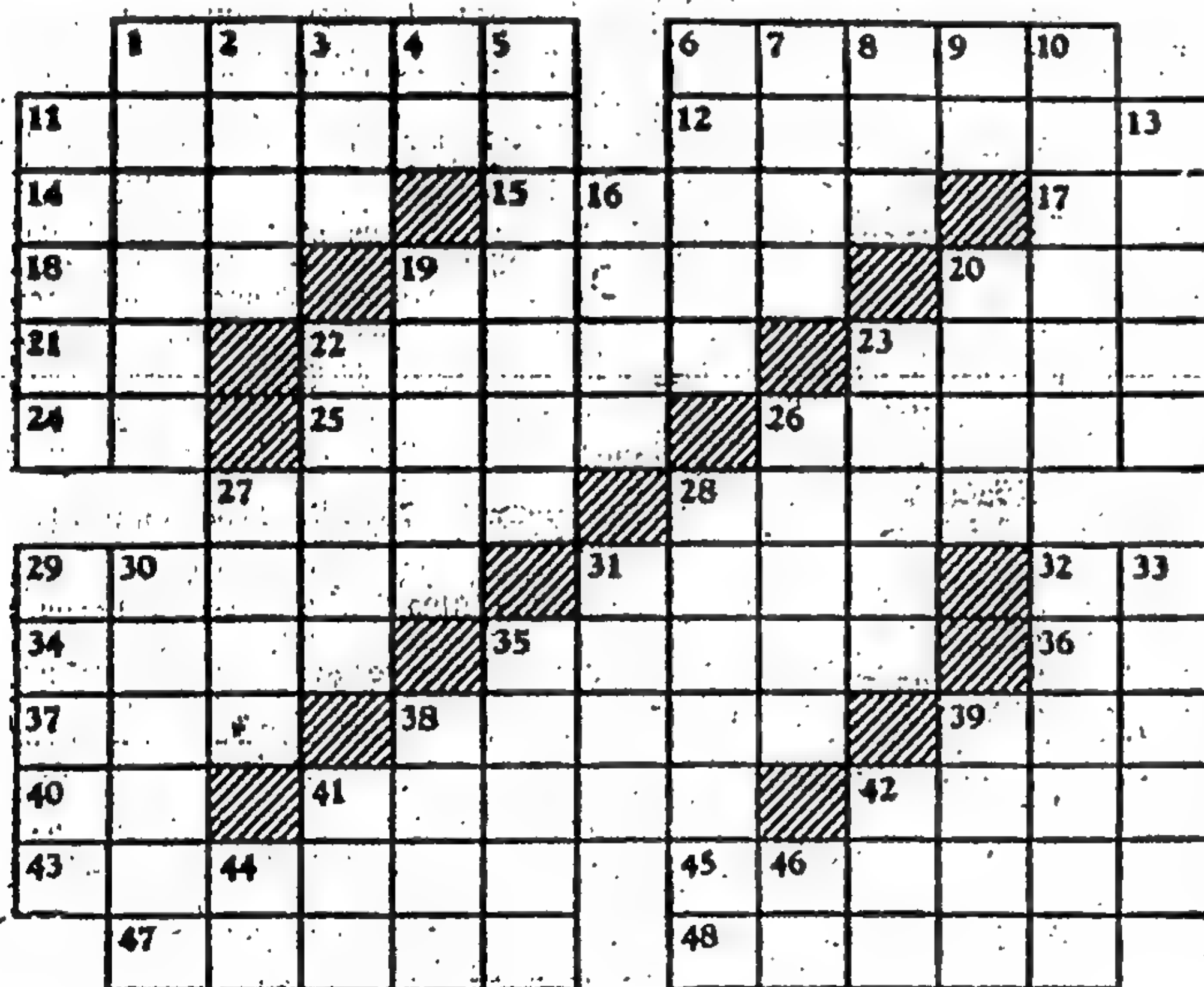
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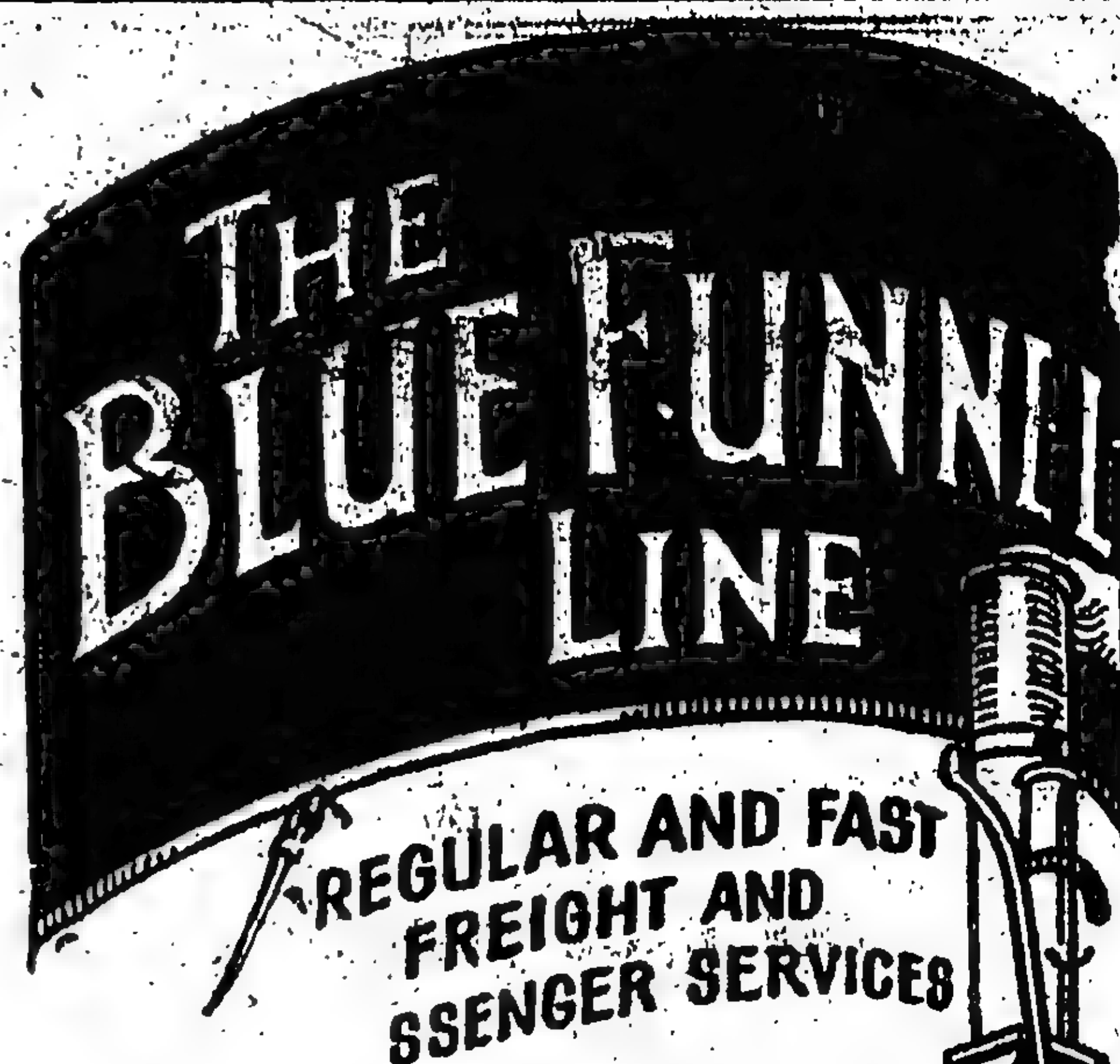
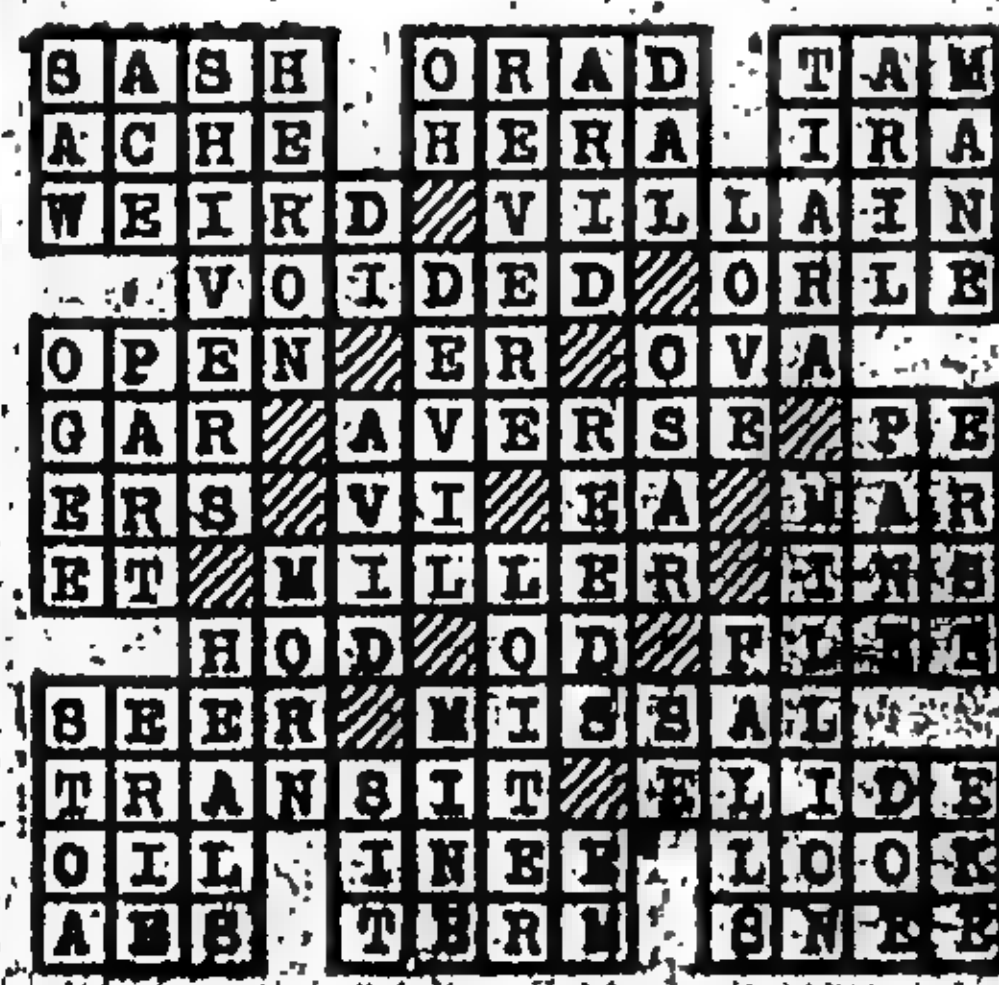
- 1 Pacific archipelago
- 6 To affirm
- 11 A criticism
- 12 Cheap adornment
- 14 Above
- 15 Armadillos
- 17 To perform
- 18 Hindu weight
- 19 Vassal
- 20 To offer
- 21 Teutonic deity
- 22 Celebrations
- 23 Tooth
- 24 Symbol for selenium
- 25 Sign
- 26 Lurch
- 27 Stepped
- 28 Pillows
- 29 Sea
- 31 Chinese dynasty
- 32 Hebrew letter
- 34 Waiter
- 35 Conjunction
- 36 Note of scale
- 37 Sailor
- 38 Bell
- 39 Through

- 40 Printer's measure
- 41 To compose
- 42 Spoken
- 43 To uncover
- 45 Mechanical men
- 47 Appears
- 48 Sailing vessels

VERTICAL

- 1 Harsh
- 2 To affirm
- 3 Russian commune
- 4 Waterfall
- 5 Expected
- 6 Male deers
- 7 To fasten
- 8 Abstract being
- 9 Because
- 10 Interpreting (arch.)
- 11 Garden flowers
- 13 To dwell
- 16 Mason's hammer
- 19 Citrus fruit
- 20 Prohibits
- 22 Raid
- 23 Kind of candy
- 26 Spear
- 27 To rend
- 28 Tweezers
- 29 Gnawing animal
- 30 Derricks
- 31 To coin
- 32 Folds
- 33 Nobles
- 35 Navigates
- 38 Unit of weight
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- 42 Japanese sash
- 44 Brother of Odin
- 46 Interjection

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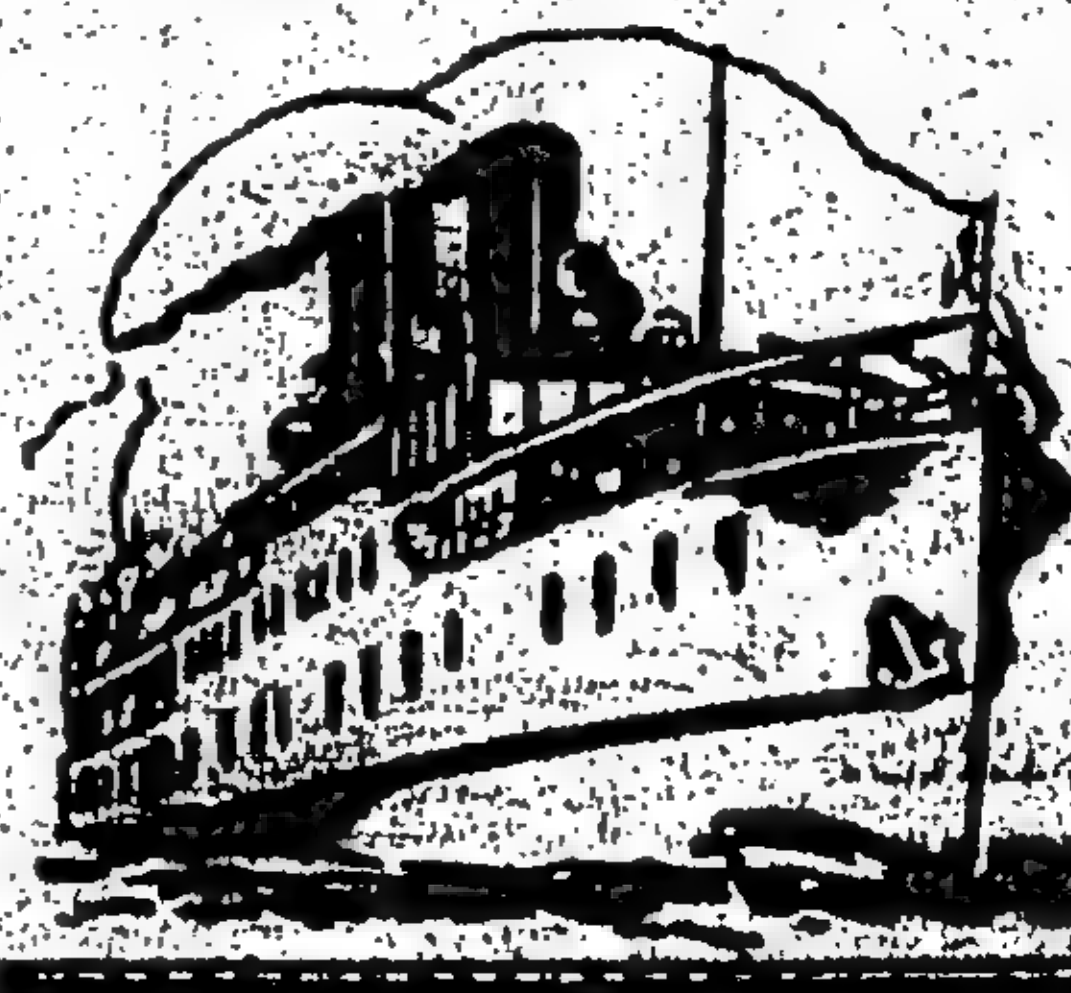
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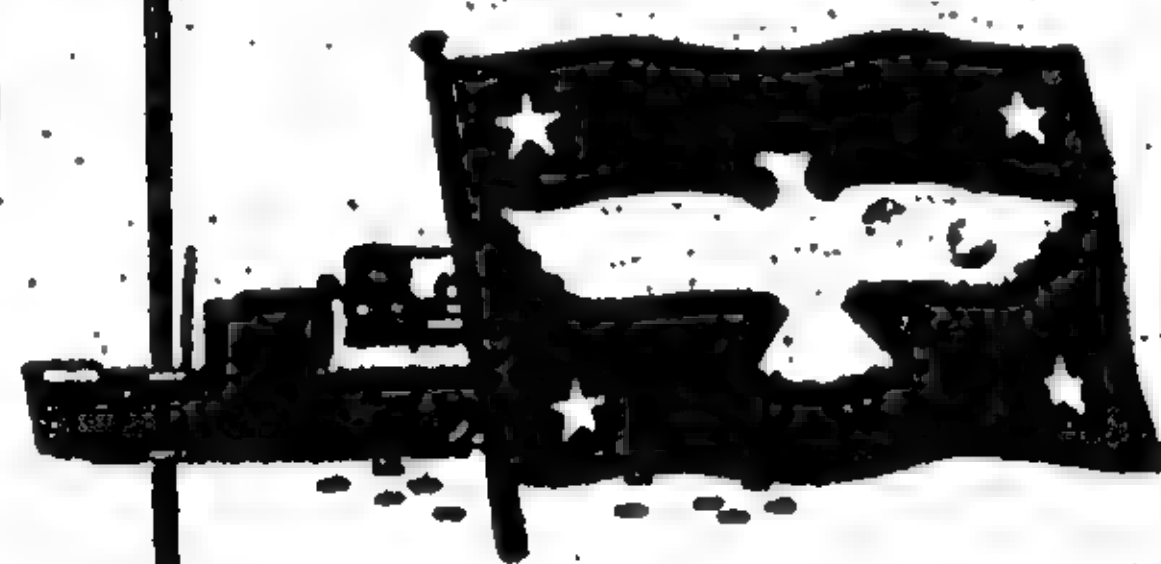
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COMPANY MEETING

WATSON'S ON EXPORT CONTROL

"DUE CONSIDERATION must be given to the fact that wartime regulations, prohibiting the export of a number of Hong Kong commodities to certain southern markets, affect our company to some extent, and, in addition, with advancing costs of raw materials and higher overhead expenses the margin of profits will necessarily be restricted," said Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman, at the annual meeting this morning of A. S. Watson and Co.

The chairman was supported by Messrs. J. Scott Harston, S. T. Williamson and W. Paterson, directors. Before the chairman presented the report of the general managers (John D. Humphreys and Son), Mr. Scott Harston said:

As the director with the longest period of service on the board of this company, I have been asked by the chairman to say a few words in tribute to the memory of the late Mr. J. D. Humphreys, who was familiarly known to us all as "Dick."

His first appearance in the Far East in the days of his manhood occurred in 1911, when he came out to join Messrs. Holliday, Wise and Co. in Manila. He remained there until January 1915, and then proceeded to England where he entered the British Army, with which he served throughout the War till his demobilization at the commencement of 1919, whereupon he returned to Hong Kong and joined the firm of John D. Humphreys and Son, wherein he was a partner in 1929 and in which firm his father became a partner many years previously.

It is of interest to note that the Humphreys family have been associated with A. S. Watson and Co. ever since the year 1866, when the former John D. Humphreys (Dick's grandfather) joined it, and became sole proprietor in 1874—the business being turned into a limited company in the year 1880, so that the family connection therewith covers the lengthy period of 74 years.

Dick possessed all the ability of his father and grandfather, and his genial presence and assistance will be greatly missed by those associated with him in business. In the social world too, his "passing" will be sadly regretted by his many friends, for he was ever a kind-hearted sportsman in the true sense of that word, who had no enemies anywhere; and I would ask you to rise and stand in silence for a few moments as a mark of respect to the memory of our old comrade.

PROFITS HIGHER

You will observe from the accounts that, disregarding profit realised as a result of the sale of the Kowloon Branch and property, net profit for the year under review amounts to \$328,279.41 as against the previous year's total of \$318,627.95, which I feel sure will be considered highly satisfactory.

In attaining this figure, all Hong Kong departments registered further material increase in volume of business, and although a larger balance of profits might well have been anticipated on this account, it should be borne in mind that, due advantage was taken of the favourable position to allocate more substantial allowances than hitherto for depreciation while, additionally, reservations have been made against passages, etc. in connection with Home leave for staff, also for publicity purposes on the occasion of the company's centennial anniversary which takes place in 1941.

Incidentally, the adverse conditions affect-

ing our Canton branch in recent years showed no improvement and as—despite all measures taken on the point of economy—certain unavoidable overhead expenditure had to be met, viz., rent, fire insurance premia, and minimum salaries and wages; I regret again to record a loss on the year's working of this section of the business.

Turning to the balance sheet, you will note that the appropriation of \$50,000 made at our annual meeting last year as a reserve against outstanding accounts in China has been fully utilised chiefly to write off accounts for aerated water containers in the possession of agents and dealers in the outlying districts of Canton. Needless to state, as soon as circumstances permit, every endeavour will be made to recover such stock which, if successful, will result in the equivalent value being placed to the credit of this particular reserve for future use against contingencies of a like nature.

It will be observed that current liabilities amount to \$511,162.98, this being a reduction of \$96,786.15 on the figure for the preceding year and due chiefly to elimination of the entry under bank overdraft. Further items under this heading namely, trade creditors and bills payable, show an increase of \$38,712.88 but as these apply to commitments in respect of stock requirements, the heavier outlay can be attributed to increased purchases to meet the exigencies of the prevailing abnormal trading situation.

KOWLOON SALE

On the assets side of the balance sheet, you will note that the value of land and buildings has been reduced by \$27,500, due to the decision to dispose of the Kowloon Dispensary during the year in view of the favourable offer received for the purchase of the building and stock. The profit on this transaction amount to \$32,500, and is dealt with under the credit side of profit and loss account.

Subject to your approval, it is proposed to augment general reserve by \$150,000, bringing this account up to \$700,000, which is the highest amount under this heading in the history of the company and I feel sure it is unnecessary for me to emphasize the importance of strengthening our reserves against all possible eventualities.

As regards the immediate outlook, I may mention that trading returns covering the first four months of the current financial year indicate that all Hong Kong departments have registered substantial increases in turnover compared with the corresponding period of last year.

I now formally propose that the report and statement of accounts, as presented, be adopted and that the balance at credit of profit and loss account as at October 31, 1939, namely, \$460,627.71 be appropriated as follows:—

To Pay a dividend of 80 cents per share, absorbing \$120,000; To Pay a bonus of 45 cents per share \$67,500; To Transfer to General Reserve \$150,000; To Transfer to Chinese Staff Super-annuation Account \$10,000; To Write off Building Improvements \$14,271.87; and Carry forward to next account \$98,855.84.

Mr. J. Scott Harston, Sir Shou-son Chow, Mr. S. T. Williamson and W. Paterson were re-elected directors and Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and S. T. Butlin auditors at a fee of \$1,250.



The girl chums says there's no doubt a girl ought to watch her step, but it's nicer when the man do it.



A scene during the Scotland-China game last Monday. Bono, who was in goal for a time, misses a high one with Chan Tak-fai and Ip Pak-wa close by.



The Hong Kong and Macao hockey eleven before the inter-port match played at King's Park. Hong Kong won by 3 goals to 1.

RIFLE SHOOTING

The second day of the Bisley and Services rifle meeting was favoured with good weather and some good shooting was witnessed.

To-day sees the start of the Bisley meeting proper. Practice commences at 8.30 a.m. with the Blackdown, Camberley and Bagshot competitions in that order. The afternoon will be devoted to the Company match and the individual championship will take place on the revolver range.

Following are the results:

Deliberate, Class X.—1, Cpl. Langford (Mx.) 25; 2, Sgt. Sargent (H.K.P.) 24; 3, Cpl. Neave (R.S.) 23; 4, L/Sgt. Nunn (R.E.) 23; 5, Cpl. Ghulam Mohamed (H.K.P.) 23; 6, Pr. Stewart (R.S.) 22; 7, Sgt. Mayne (Seaforths) 22; 8, L/Sgt. Baker (Mx.) 22; 9, Pte. Milne (R.S.) 22; 10, Sgt. Rushman (R.N.R.S.) 22; 11, Maj. White (R.S.) 22; Lt. Le Seclleur (R.E.) 22; Pte. McGregor (R.S.) 22; Sgt. Bremner (R.S.) 22; Mrs. Barton (R.N.R.S.) 22; 16, L/Sgt. Vine (R.S.) 22; 17, R.S.M. Maslen (R.E.) 22; Pte. Bullen (R.S.) 22; 19, Sgt. Billingham (H.K.P.) 21; 20, Whyte (D.R.C.) 21.

Championship Qualifiers.—The following have qualified to fire at 600 yds. for Association S.R. Championship and S.R. Championship.—R.S.M. Maslen (R.E.) 61; Sgt. Whippet (R.S.) 60; *Sgt. Mayne (Sea) 56; Sgt. Bremner (R.S.) 55; L/S. Nunn (R.E.) 53; Whyte (D.R.C.) 53; *Pte. Mackenzie (Sea) 53; Cpl. Ghulam Mohamed (H.K.P.) 52; Piper, Stewart 67 (R.S.) 51; Sgt. Heap (R.M.) 49; Cpl. Neave (R.S.) 49; Cpl. Hitchcock (R.S.) 48; Cpl. Brighty (R.E.) 48; Cpl. Colebrook (R.E.) 47; Cpl. Narain Singh (H.K.P.) 47; Sgt. Pan (H.K.P.R.) 47; P/S. Tollison (R.A.F.) 46; Sgt. Booth (R.S.) 45; Cpl. Cole (R.M.) 45; Pte. Hickenbottom (R.S.) 45; *Capt. Macrae (Sea) 45; Cpl. Naranjan Singh (H.K.P.) 45; L/Cpl. Pemberton (R.E.) 45; *Denotes S.R. Championship only.

300 yards sweepstakes.—(1st and 2nd), Sergt. T. Baker, (Middlesex).
Falling plate match.—1, H.M.S. Tamar;

FRENCH REFUSE TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

Paris, To-day.

A flat refusal to meet German representatives on neutral territory in wartime has been given by French industrialists in response to an invitation to participate in the conference of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The French national committee of the International Chamber has issued a denial of press reports alleging the presence of authorised French delegates, and pointed out that its refusal to send delegates to The Hague was notified some time ago in agreement with the French Government.—Reuter.

NEW ADVISER AT THE INDIA OFFICE

London, To-day.

The Secretary for India has appointed Dewan Bahadur Ranganathan as his adviser under Section 178 of the Government of India Act, 1935, in the vacancy which was to have been filled by the late Sir A. T. Pan-nirselvam.

The new adviser, who is an Indian Christian, was Vice-Chancellor of Annamalai University from 1929 to 1935 and has been Vice-Chancellor of Madras University since May, 1937.—British Wireless.

2, Raj. Rifles B.
Snapshooting competition.—Result of shoot off.—(Class M).—1, Pte. Hickenbottom (R.S.); 2, Pte. Lawrie (R.S.).
Deliberate competition.—Class M.—1, Cpl. Gahr (R.A.F.) 21; 2, Pte. Hickenbottom (R.S.) 21; 3, Pte. Garrington, (R.S.) 20.



The China football team which won the Sunday Herald International Charity Cup last Monday.



A thrilling moment in the Hong Kong goal during the interport hockey. V. M. Benwell, the Hong Kong goalie, is dealing with a shot from a Macao forward. Other Hong Kong players in the picture are J. B. Gonsalves, left back, and N. B. M. Whitley, left half-back.

STANLEY AND THE WAR

THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1939 OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT DISCLOSES THAT SHORTLY AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF THE WAR IN EUROPE, ALL THE MALE OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS SERVICE VOLUNTEERED FOR DUTY WITH THE FIGHTING FORCES.

The European officers were formed into an auxiliary unit under the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and put through a course of training under army instructors followed by field exercises.

The Indian officers were formed into a Special Guard Company to be called upon for duty in case of an emergency, adds the Report.

CHEERFUL TONE ON STOCK MARKET

London, To-day.

Although trading on the Stock Exchange yesterday was quiet the tone was cheerful, prices in several groups showing final gains.

Outstanding feature was the demand for Indian irons emanating from Eastern investors.

In the commodities, tin was firmer on professional buying owing to the belief that the recent decline was overdone.

Cotton strengthened on talk of possible restrictions on imports of American cotton.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter.

NO STANLEY ESCAPES

During 1st year no attempt was made to escape from the inside of the Stanley prison, but from outside parties there was one escape. The man was re-arrested the same day. Another attempt to escape was frustrated, states the Annual Report for 1939 of the Hong Kong Prisons Department.



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FAR VIEW BEATEN AND BURFORD DEAD-HEATS

Easter Race Meeting Proves Great Success

GUINNESS TIME PROVIDES BIGGEST UPSET: PAYS \$90.60

(By "RAPIER")

THE FIRST DAY of the Easter Meeting, which commenced on Saturday, was badly marred by inclement weather. Conditions were so utterly miserable that it was really surprising to see such a satisfactory attendance. At one stage in the morning it was rumoured that a postponement was likely, but the decision to carry on soon became known, and spectators turned up in a steady stream.

The grass track, as a result of the two days of racing, has been damaged to such an extent that it will take some months to recover.

Racing on Saturday was naturally on the slow side, but, with the weather clearing up on Monday, it was a most enjoyable meeting on the whole. There were upsets on Saturday, but on Monday it was very nearly a favourite's day, only the last two races paying out substantial dividends, the best coming from Guinness Time.

Mr. Peter Y. T. Wei headed the list of most successful jockeys for the two days, with 3 first, 2 seconds and 3 thirds, followed by Mr. D. Black with 3 winners.

Saturday's programme opened with the Mrs. Bay Stakes over one mile, which resulted in a not altogether surprising win for Johnber, which was well ridden by Mr. Chao. O-Lan, with Mr. Needa up, was made strong favourite but had to be content with second position. The pony evidently did not relish running on the soft track.

The race started with Jane Doe (Mr. S. W. Tang) taking the lead, followed by Johnber, Oonagh (Mr. P. P. Botelho), O-Lan and the others. After passing the half mile post, Jane Doe was overhauled by Johnber, Oonagh and O-Lan. On reaching the ¾ mile post O-Lan displaced its stablemate Oonagh and followed on the heels of Johnber, but its effort proved of no avail as the latter had secured quite a substantial lead and went on to win by 1½ lengths, with Oonagh third four lengths behind.

SAPPER'S SUCCESS

Anticipation of a great struggle in the second race, the Albany Handicap for "A" Class Australian ponies, over the two mile post distance was fully justified. There is no doubt that, by its win Sapper has come into the forefront among the Australian ponies and will have to be reckoned with at future meetings.

Criffel (Mr. Proulx) took the lead, followed by Lancashire Chips (Mr. Wei), Far View (Mr. Pih), Australian Diamond (Mr. Liang) and Sapper (Mr. Davis). On reaching the half mile post Far View took command with Australian Diamond and Sapper some lengths behind. Responding gamely, Sapper was rapidly catching up the leaders. Coming into the straight Far View was still leading by a length or two, but Sapper proved its superiority in no uncertain manner when it not only overhauled Far View, but went on to win by a length, thus marking the fall of another hitherto unbeaten champion. Sparrow (Mr. Yuen) did very well to oust Baffin Bay and Triumphant Day for third position.

The third race, the Hongham Bay Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs, was tame in comparison. After its previous win over a sprint event, the public made no mistake in placing their money on Dupont Bay, despite the burden of 168 lbs. and it did not disappoint.

There is really little to say as regards the race itself, except that Dupont Bay (Mr. Hearne) took command shortly after Humdrum Eve jumped out in front, and romped home an easy winner. Rose Emily, ridden by Mr. Poy, secured second place, but when it appeared as if Bear Claw (Mr. Black) would get the other position it was passed by Avon (Mr. Needa) over the last few yards.

CELTIC STAR'S COMEBACK

What was regarded as the main event of the day, the Sub-Griffins Spring Handicap over 1½ miles, resulted in a fine win for Celtic Star. This success can be attributed to the splendid manner in which Mr. Tao handled his mount.

Guinness Time (Mr. Wei) jumped out in front, followed by Clowner (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), Celtic Star and the favourite, Strathbannock (Mr. Black). This order was maintained until the Rock was reached, when Celtic Star overhauled Clowner and then started after Guinness Time. Amid great excitement these two ponies figured in a grand finish, with Celtic Star just getting home by a short head. Clowner held off the challenge of Strathbannock for third position.

The Rosehill Stakes for Australian ponies of this season was the first leg of the "Daily Double" and Lucky Lady (Mr. Needa) took the lion's share in the betting.

Mr. P. P. Botelho set the pace on Flying Dutchman followed by Rowan (Mr. Hearne), Lucky Lady and Many Thanks (Mr. Davis). Coming down the home straight, Lucky Lady was leading with Many Thanks in hot pursuit, and when the two mile post was reached Many Thanks caught Lucky Lady. These two then indulged in a great battle towards the winning post in which Many Thanks just won by a neck with Rowan third. After the race was over a protest was lodged, and it was later announced that Many Thanks was disqualified for boring, with the result that Lucky Lady was officially named the winner, with Rowan second and Flying Dutchman third.

WILLYNILLY FAILS

A thrilling finish was provided in the first section of the Taiwan Bay Handicap for "D" Class China ponies in which Willynilly (Mr. Chao), carrying the bulk of the money, failed very badly.

Sunlight View (Mr. Davis) made the running from the start, followed by West Lake (Mr. Ip Kui-ying), Willynilly, Night View (Mr. Pih) and the others. There was no change until after passing the half mile post, when Sunlight View faded out of the picture. Willynilly led into the straight hotly pursued by Chatterbox (Mr. Black) on the rails followed by Phoenix (Mr. Liang) and This Time (Mr. Wei) two lengths away. About fifty yards from the post it looked as if Chatterbox had the race in hand, but Phoenix came up strongly over the last few yards to dead-heat with Chatterbox for first position with This Time just having the better of Willynilly for third place.

The Gin Drinkers Bay Handicap, second leg of the "Daily Double," was contested by Novice jockeys and this race provided Mr. G. Trevorton with a win. He certainly handled Valorous with splendid judgment, assisted by the fact that the pony seemed to like running on the sodden track.

The race started with Radium Star (Mr. Hoo Pak-ming) taking the lead with The Tigress (Mr. Chui) behind, followed by Lancashire Chap (Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai). In the straight Radium Star was running so well that a win was indicated, but Mr. Trevorton handled Valorous confidently and had no difficulty in overhauling first The Tigress and then Radium Star about 100 yards from the post to win comfortably by 1½ lengths. The Tigress was third.

SPRINGHURST WINS EASILY

Punters evidently knew that Springhurst, with Mr. Poy up, had more than a sporting chance of winning the Sydney Handicap for "D" Class Australian ponies and this turned out correct. It was made favourite, followed by Income Tax (Mr. Tao) and Amber II (Mr. Pan). Income Tax, the second favourite, was a dismal failure, but Australian Prince, ridden by Mr. Ip Kui-ying, created a surprise by taking second position. Tarzan (Mr. Botelho) got off to a flying start, and it was not until the mile post was reached that Springhurst asserted itself to win comfortably with Tarzan third.

When the ninth race, the second section of the Hongham Bay Handicap over six furlongs, was about to start it was raining heavily and the jockeys experienced a most uncomfortable time.

The race started with Oak Bay (Mr. S. W. Tang) taking the lead, followed by Peaceful View (Mr. Pih) and King Kong (Mr. Botelho), with Blue Diamond (Mr.



Wei), the ultimate winner, another two lengths behind. Coming into the straight King Kong led with Blue Diamond coming up with a rare burst of speed, and it was not until the Public Stand was reached that Blue Diamond forged ahead to win by two lengths.

In the last race, the second section of the Taiwan Bay Handicap, Fel Ying provided Mr. Wei with his second win of the afternoon to top the list of successful jockeys.

Desert Star (Mr. Pan) made the running fairly fast, followed by Portrush (Mr. Needa), until the half mile post, when Desert Star dropped out and Portrush took command, but Fel Ying was running strongly and it began to creep up on Portrush near the two miles post. Once Fel Ying took the lead it went on to win by a length to give its 385 backers the satisfaction of collecting \$49.50 for a winning ticket.

FAVOURITE THIRD

Opening with the Kellett Handicap over one mile, which was contested by first section "C" Class China ponies, Monday's first race provided a somewhat tame finish. Distinctive Time, with Mr. Wei up, found strong support, but it could do no better than take third position. Hughber (Mr. Chao) made a great attempt to annex honours, but found Gay Star, ridden by Mr. Needa, in fine form.

The race itself did not provide much excitement. Just when it seemed that Hughber was about to win Gay Star came through from behind and won without being seriously challenged, with Distinctive Time a few lengths behind taking third place.

Then came the great race of the day, and what a finish it turned out to be. It was the race for the Easter Stakes, in which the best among the China ponies competed.

Carrying 168 lbs. Burford, ridden by Mr. Pih, certainly put up a grand performance, but Mr. Black very nearly snatched a surprise win on Confusion Bay.

The race started with Mount Hope Bay (Mr. Proulx) and Spicelight (Mr. Wei) setting a really fast pace, and at one stage, before reaching the Rock, they were well in the lead. It was then that Confusion Bay asserted itself, and with a burst a speed it soon caught up on the leaders. Within a 100 yards of the winning post Confusion Bay was actually leading, but Burford was not yet beaten. Responding gamely to the application of the whip, Burford valiantly fought its way forward, with Confusion Bay on the outside appearing to be tiring, and then amidst intense excitement they finished in line, the result being a dead-heat, with Mount Hope Bay taking third position. It was indeed a grand finish, but had Mr. Black used the whip he would probably have won.

FAIR CHANCE STARTS WELL

The third race, the Coolgardie Stakes, was a sprint affair from the ¼-mile post. On its previous outing Fair Chance (Mr. Proulx) refused to go, but it shot out of the barrier like a bullet and soon had a commanding lead. Rowan, the favourite, ridden by Mr. Hearne, had a bad start, and so did Many Thanks (Mr. Davis). Fair Chance was still leading on rounding the bend, but coming into the home straight Many Thanks came through and won quite easily, with Franklin taking second place, while Fair Chance did well to secure the third position as it was rapidly tiring.

The fourth race, the Boa Vista Handicap (First Section) over the two miles post distance, resulted in O-Lan, carrying top weight of 168 lbs., winning comfortably. Bear Claw (Mr. Black) was strongly supported, but the pony is getting old and its run was most disappointing. O-Lan, ridden by Mr. P. P. Botelho, did not meet with any serious opposition, and it won as it liked, but a struggle ensued between Red Feather (Mr. Wei) and Rose Emily (Mr. Poy), with the latter taking the verdict by a small margin.

NO MISTAKE MADE

In the fifth race, the Sugar Loaf Stakes over six furlongs, which was also the first leg of the "Daily Double," the betting public made no mistake about placing the money on a sure winner. Among the entries there were only three ponies really worth considering—White Diamond (Mr. Pih), Hopeful Star (Mr. Hearne) and Oonagh (Mr. Needa), and they finished in that order.

Immediately on the rise of the barrier White Diamond shot out into a lead which it maintained right through to the winning post. Hopeful Star was too far in front of Oonagh to be unduly worried for second position.

A really exciting and most thrilling finish was seen in the sixth race, the Pokulum Handicap, from the two mile post distance, featuring novice riders. Wilber (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) and Golden Cow (Mr. Chiu Ki-

fan) shared the betting, with the former in slightly greater demand. Golden Cow tried to run away into a big lead, and this early effort was responsible for its poor performance. On the other hand, Mr. Ho was content to trail behind, and only after rounding the bend did he send Wilber forward. Just then Mr. Yeung Wing-kwai made his challenge on West Lake, and these two ponies raced on practically abreast until nearing the winning post. Just when it appeared as if West Lake was going to win, Mr. Ho, with a supreme effort, managed to get Wilber in front and thus won a grand race. Some Hope, ridden by Mr. Copplin, was also in the picture, but it could only fill third position.

MURRUMBIDGEE AGAIN WINS

In the seventh race, the Calliope Handicap, over the Champions distance, contested by "B" Class Australian ponies, there was no doubt about picking the ultimate winner. Murrumbidgee monopolised the betting, and, following the same tactics as at the Annual Meeting, Mr. Black won without being seriously challenged.

A Roaring Time (Mr. Wei) took the lead, followed by Double Finesse (Mr. Tang Man Wa), with Centre Court (Mr. Needa) and Murrumbidgee in the rear. No change was made until coming round the bend, when Murrumbidgee shot forward to win quite easily. Sydney Lad (Mr. Hearne) and Vixen Tor (Mr. Davis) did really well to fill the other two positions, and those who backed them were well rewarded. This was also the second leg of the "Daily Double," but the payment of \$13.70 dividend was not encouraging.

The eighth race, the Boa Vista Handicap (second section) from the two mile post distance, was actually a contest between Jennifer (Mr. Black) and Jobber (Mr. Chao). These two ponies ran off into a big lead, with Jennifer in front. After passing the Rock Jobber took the lead, only to lose it again when racing down the straight. Jennifer went on to win, but a protest was lodged against it for crossing Jobber, and this was sustained by the Stewards, it being later announced that the race was officially won by Jobber, with King Kong second and Peaceful View third.

BRUNO SPRINGS SURPRISE

The first real upset of the day came in the ninth race, the Cabramatta Handicap for "C" Class Australian ponies over six furlongs. Riding his own pony, Bruno, Mr. Trevorton scored a meritorious victory, which placed him another step nearer graduation from the Novice class. Ruby Star (Mr. Hearne) was made favourite, but it ran unplaced.

Heinz (Mr. S. W. Tang) took the lead, with Discovery Bay (Mr. S. L. Yuen) behind. On rounding the bend, Bruno came to the front, and it maintained its lead to the end, with Perola d'Oriente (Mr. Wei) second and Violet Queen (Mr. Chao) third.

The last race of the day provided another upset, the biggest of the meeting. This was in the Kellett Handicap (second section) for "C" Class China ponies, over a mile. Despite its poor performance last Saturday, Strathbannock (Mr. Black) received surprisingly strong support. Evidently because it was carrying top weight of 168 lbs. Guinness Time (Mr. Wei) was more or less neglected in the betting, but the pony turned in a great performance and its win was in no way a fluke. Strathbannock tried its best, but it was of no avail, and it simply petered out before the race reached the vital stages. Advancing Time (Mr. Chao) was running so strongly that it was in a position to win, but with a great effort Guinness Time came through to snatch a win from Advancing Time, while Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang) just had the better of Soldier of Britain (Mr. P. P. Botelho) for third place.



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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

There was a really keen Ten Pin game played in the Alleys on Good Friday night. Our old friends of U.S.S. "Mindanao" played the U.S.S. "Gold Star". The latter team was one man short, and Corp. H. Blount of the Royal Corps of Signals, with his usual courtesy, filled in the gap.

The "Gold Star" lads won by the narrow margin of 78 pins, the individual scores being as follows:—

U.S.S. "Gold Star"	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Tot.
H. Blount (Deput)	130	181	171	162	163	877
S. J. Pawlowaki	177	154	145	141	167	784
J. Class	117	131	164	122	123	657
J. E. Cusick	106	141	131	134	139	650

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U.S.S. "Mindanao"	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Tot.
D. M. Keplinger	144	171	226	133	156	830
E. F. Merrill	159	137	135	126	179	736
S. Golden	153	116	156	141	111	677
J. C. Thomas	125	98	128	163	143	647

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Blount, deputising for an absent Gold Star player—was easily the highest scorer with 877 in his bag, and Keplinger for Mindanao—as usual—was second with 830.

Keplinger by the way was the only player to register over 200, his effort being 226 in his third game, but, as I mentioned in my last week's Jottings, this is not unusual for this player.

BLOUNT'S LAPSE

I was rather struck with Corp. Blount's good score, although it is hard to understand how a player of his accomplishment could only register 130 on his first game and thus ruin an opportunity of beating his own record for five games in match play. His average for the four last games was 187.

The match itself was a good one although the total scores of both teams were not brilliant, the average per player per game for the Gold Star being only 148 pins—despite Blount's high score of 877—and only 144 per player per game in the case of the Mindanao.

In the first game Mindanao were leading by 51 pins, but in the second game Gold Star drew ahead to a 44-pin lead. In the 3rd game Mindanao reduced the lead to only 10 pins in favour of their opponents! In the 4th game Gold Star drew ahead a little to be 46 pins up, and in the last game still further to finally win by 78 pins, it was indeed a close match and well worth seeing.

A COINCIDENCE

There was rather a curious coincidence in the Alleys, to say nothing of being unique. Mr. and Mrs. Landolt, Geo. North and Mr. Wilkins were playing a friendly Duck Pin game (a foursome) last Thursday night. The game finished up with everyone tying, all having 81 pins. I have never witnessed this before during all my experience of indoor Bowling.

Corp. Blount again put up a good score on Monday—he made 238 made up as follows:—starting off with two spares, he then made three strikes in a row, a spare, strike, spare, to finish up his game with four strikes in a row.

This is not Blount's best effort, for on February 15, he registered 235, to be beaten on the 19th of the same month by Corp. Watts—a member of his own unit the Royal Signals—who bagged the highest score ever registered in these Alleys, namely 278. Blount, however, has scored 220's and 230's on several occasions.

SUCH IGNORANCE!

I was rather surprised the other day, while crossing from Kowloon to Hong Kong on the ferry, when a lady acquaintance of mine remarked that she was very interested in Indoor Bowling but had never played the game, or even seen it played, except at the cinema, where a "short" was shown of the game!

From what I gathered from her remarks, it appeared that she and many more ladies were averse to making the trip to the Alleys, because of their lack of knowledge of the game and "shyness." For the benefit of those who feel the same way about it, I can assure them that all the instruction necessary is available at the alleys, provided an appointment is made.

One of our friends of U.S.S. Mindanao has handed me a newspaper cutting from Stuart, Ia, U.S.A., which quotes a remarkable achievement by a boy of 8 years old at Stuart, his name being Harold Janssen.

Although only 47 inches in height, he bowls with the best in the country, his best effort, bowled recently, being 243 at Duck Pins—not many short of the perfect game. Of the many patrons at the local Alley at Stuart, owned by Harold's father, only one

South China Had Only Themselves To Blame

By "REFEREE"

ROYAL ENGINEERS earned the right to meet 30th R.A. in the Final of the Junior Shield competition on Saturday when they defeated South China in the semi-final replay on Club ground yesterday by the odd goal in seven.

South China have only themselves to blame for their defeat and had they kept their tempers and heads better would surely have won. They were the faster team and displayed more understanding and combination in the forward line.

Engineers struck their best form in the second half when their weight helped them to a great extent and greatly upset the Chinese players, with the result that fouls were frequent from both sides.

South China did most of the attacking in the first half and Moxham was called upon several times, while the Chinese sent over some goods shots.

The Chinese opened the scoring after 20 minutes play through Chan Ching-yui and just before the interval Fox headed in for Sappers.

BIG SCORING

The Sappers took the lead shortly after the restart from a penalty by Fox and, shortly after, they sent in a hard drive to give his side a two goal lead.

Chinese attacked strongly and were soon on level terms through Cheong Wing-moon and Chan Ping-to but just before the final whistle, Taylor scored the winning goal.

YESTERDAY'S TENNIS

The tennis programme at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday, proved uninteresting and the matches were mostly one-sided affairs.

RESULTS

Open Doubles

Wong Fook-nam and Lam Kwan beat I. and B. Agafuroff 6-4, 6-3. Pang Oi-lam and Leung Ping-chui beat J. L. C. Pearce and D. I. Bosanquet 6-2, 6-2.

Capt. C. H. R. Hyde and J. J. Ferguson received a walk over from Kwok Hing-chung and Lui Kwai-fan.

Handicap Doubles

Lt. Cdr. C. B. Nicholson and Capt. G. V. Hobbs (—2/6) beat F. Macleod and E. S. Hall (1/6) 6-0, 6-0.

Mixed Doubles Handicap

J. S. Theobald and Mrs. Churchill (—15.2) beat P. Wynter Blyth and Miss B. Fair (scr.) 6-2, 6-1.

man has bettered this score, and by only one pin.

A PRODIGY

Not only those who go to watch him, but even members of his own family wonder where and how this little fellow acquired his remarkable delivery of the ball, and such complete mastery of the game.

It is a moot point, however, if the game they play at Stuart is the same as played in Hong Kong Bowling Alleys. I am of the opinion that the game young Harold played was with the "Rubber Band" Duck Pins, where strikes and spares are made more frequently than in the straight Duck Ten pins (without rubber bands) played in these Alleys. Nevertheless, the score made by this kid was remarkable to say the least.

Tulsa is back in port again and our old friends, Spenko, Peterson, Schreier and Moore, will again be in the limelight.

We can always depend on some really good Duck Pin and Ten Pin Bowling from this really good bowling ship. In passing I am sorry to learn that this team is without the services of that old favourite of ours, Felenko, who has left Tulsa.

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WEDNESDAYS exhibition Rugby match between C.S.U. and R.A.M.C., the Rugby League winners, was a very keenly contested affair, and typical of the many games played during the running of this League.

'Medicals', although without their star three quarter, Lt. Coombe, emerged victorious by 8 points to three.

It seemed as though the Small Units would be too strong for the champions on the early run of the game, and, when Keeble converted a penalty goal, things looked black for the 'Medicals.' However the Champs applied pressure in the second half and, after they had drawn level through a fine try, into the extreme corner by Whybro, the positions were definitely reversed, with the 'Medicals' showing they were worthy of their attainment.

Minney sealed the issue towards the end of the second half with a real "Tank" effort and will undoubtedly be pleased with this his last game in the Colony. Morgan Converted from the try with his usual sure kick which had been a feature of the game. Keeble also shone with his excellent kicking for touch and was the outstanding player on the field.

Col. Chatterton, before presenting the cup, congratulated R.A.M.C. on their excellent performance and in doing so voiced the opinion of all Units concerned.

It is to be hoped that this privately arranged competition will continue annually, as it was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all concerned. The C.S.U. will undoubtedly enter a team in the Army League next year and on this showing will be a force to be reckoned with.

THE C.S.U. cricket team were not weakened after all by the absence of Logan and Young, and, as the scores show, it was just as well for them that these two fine players were off (Continued on Page 25)

FOOTBALL REVIEW

(By "REFEREE")

INTERPORT game with Macao and the Final of "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition were the only football games played during the Easter Holidays and neither proved interesting affairs.

Macao were no opposition to the Colony side though it was obvious that they were handicapped by the slippery state of the ground. On the whole their forward line lacked combination and could not make much impression on the Colony defence.

Both the Navy representatives in the local side, Roughley and Le Page, gave good displays in their respective positions. Roughley was sound at back while Le Page, with the combination of Cheung Kam-hoi, did well on the right wing.

FUNG King-cheong made a welcome return on Monday, after an absence from soccer of almost a month owing to injuries. He still showed his old form.

LEE Wai-tong will be leading the South China attack in the Final of the Senior Shield on Saturday and

will have his usual inside forwards in Fung King-cheong and Lai Shui-wing.

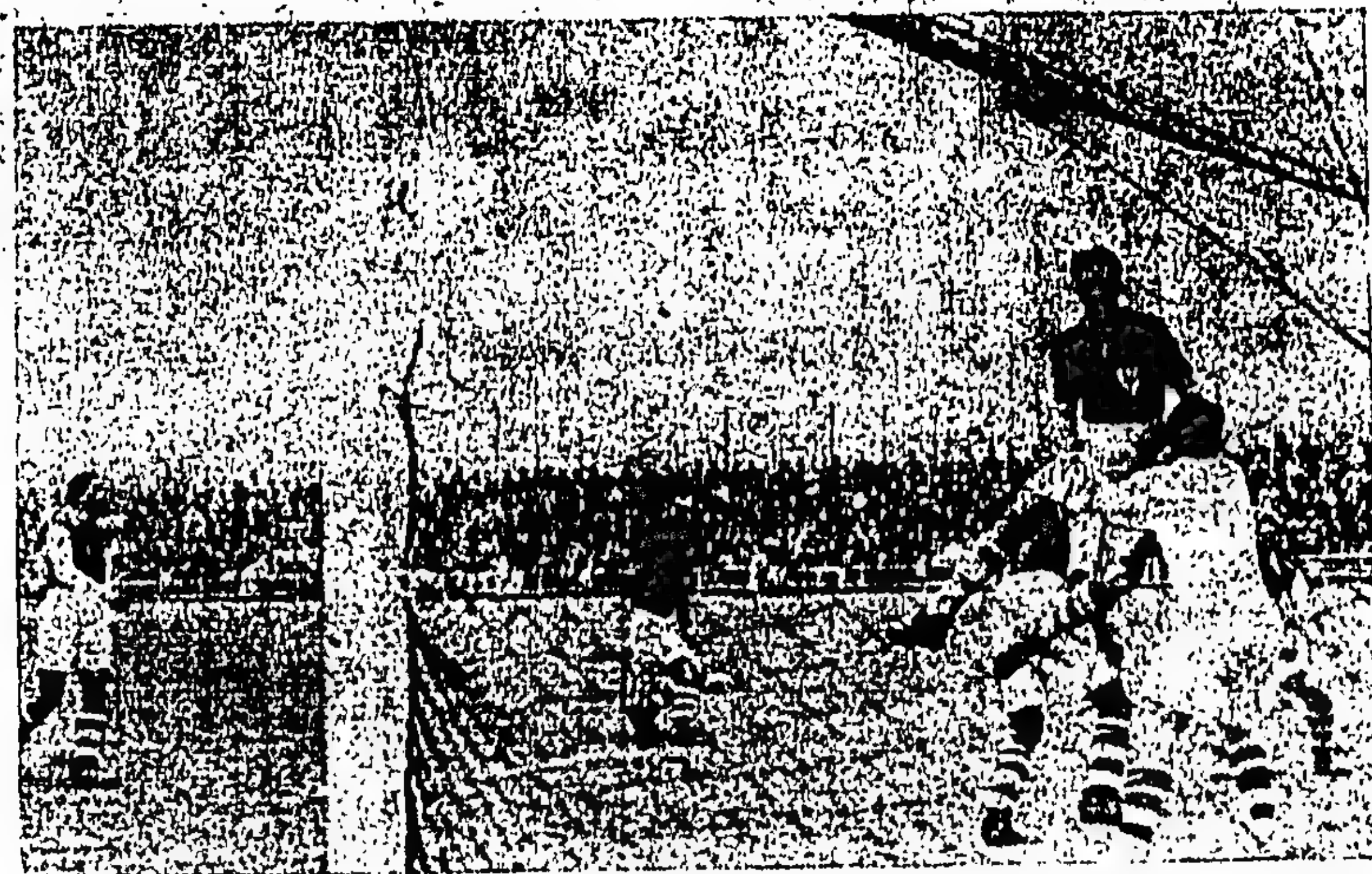
Kong Sing-keng, the Eastern full back, who is at present in Macao, will be playing this week. He has not turned out for some weeks owing to being transferred to Macao, but has now returned to his old post.

BEARD, who will control the Shield

Final game to-morrow, contemplates retiring from active refereeing next season. Apart from his capabilities in the middle of the field, Beard never misses a chance to watch a game no matter how uninteresting it may prove.

RUMOUR has it that Navy could now field a team which would wipe up South China and Eastern combined!

REV. S. Hinchcliffe will give a lecture on "The Origin and Growth of Association Football" at the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association on Tuesday.



An incident in Macao's goalmouth during the Interport soccer game on Sunday.

THE stands at Sookunpoo having been condemned as unsafe, it is understood that the home games of Royal Scots and Middlesex will, for the remainder of the season, be played at Boundary Street.

AFTER touring Manila, Eastern are visiting Singapore and Straits. As all their regular First Division players are not able to make the trip they have asked several Kwong Wah and South China players, among whom are Lee

Kwok-wai, Chau Mah-chi and Cheung Wing-choy, to accompany them.

TWO wet Saturdays have upset entirely the recently-revised programme of football fixtures. Clubs will therefore be asked to play on week-days in order to complete the fixtures by the end of April.

Eastern will, as a result, have a very heavy programme next week. Their match on Monday against Kowloon should practically decide the runners-up position.

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Wong And Miss Cheung Too Good For Eardleys Smith's Easy Win Over T.S. Young

By "ADREM"

THAT INTEREST IN badminton locally is not on the wane was demonstrated at Club de Recreio last night, when the spacious hall at that club was filled to overflowing with enthusiasts who had gone to see Henry Eardley and his sister Miss Decima Eardley, Shanghai champions, play against Patrick Wong and Miss W. Cheung.

The game was disappointing and the former Shanghai couple could do little against the brilliance of Wong and the steady, effective support offered by Miss Cheung.

Wong and Miss Cheung won the first game at 15-5 and although the Eardleys improved somewhat in the second and at one period had a lead of 8-5, there was never very much doubt that the Chinese pair would win.

Eardley was not at his best last night and made far more errors than he usually does. His sister occasionally brought off some good shots but she was given little opportunity of settling down.

FORMATION TROUBLE

Biggest trouble with the Eardleys so far as I could see, lay in their formation. Whilst being a big believer in the side by side line up when applied to men's doubles, I am afraid that when utilised in the mixed game, nothing but trouble can ever result.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(Continued from Page 23)

the sick list and were able to participate.

Young surpassed himself with his 7 for 7 and Logan did not seem to feel any effects from his enforced absence, managing to knock up 48 before being held by Shipp.

A win for the C.S.U. was expected and they must be really pleased at stopping the winning sequence of the R.E. It really looked as though this Unit was becoming invincible.

The Small Units held their first committee meeting last week to decide on the programme for the forthcoming aquatic season. Cpl. Bedford, R. Signals, was appointed Hon. Sec., replacing Cpl. Ashford, who left the Colony some time previous. The latter player will certainly be a loss to the Signals all-conquering polo team, but this Unit is still confident of doing very well again during the coming season.

Other Units have also been affected by great changes in personnel. On account of this fact the commencement of the Departmental Water Polo was scheduled for June 1 with an alternative date of July 1st, so as to give Units ample time to arrange their strongest team for this event. If the latter date is accepted, Units will have a struggle to play off their fixtures before the commencement of the Large Units Water Polo League. Duties are always expected to be responsible for a few postponed fixtures and if this is the case, team representatives will have a job judging the strength of various applicants for inclusion on the C.S.U. team, which is entered in the Large Units League.

Last year the full Signals team represented the Small Units and their nomination was justified as they deservedly won the championship. However, it promotes better co-operation and good feeling if a side representative of all Units is entered so it is hoped that teams will be able to test their strength and form a strong combination to enter the Senior Competition.

The opening of the new swimming pool at Victoria Barracks should give teams a greater opportunity for practice. The allotment of this is eagerly awaited by all Units.

The Chinese pair were able to concentrate their shots on Miss Eardley and, when her brother moved over to cover a clearing shot on her side of the court, which she obviously could not get back to herself, a smash down the other side invariably resulted in a point.

Wong was as accurate and as canny as he always is, disguising his direction and pace with great skill, while Miss Cheung, who was expected to be a big weak link in the combination, was very steady indeed.

On the showing of Wong and Miss Cheung last night, K. L. Yong and Miss Ullian Khoo will have to be on their best form to win the title.

POOR STANDARD

Generally speaking the standard in the junior singles semi-final between T. S. Young and Norman Smith was not very high.

Young started off promisingly enough and by means of a series of cleverly-disguised drops, took a lead in the first game. Once Smith had settled down, however, there was never very much doubt as to the outcome. Young did not clear as strongly as he might have done and Smith was able to dictate terms.

Later, Young changed his tactics and concentrated on the short game

LEAGUE TABLES

MIXED DOUBLES DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
Recreio "A"	6	0	0	43	11	12
St. John's	7	5	2	42	21	10
University	6	4	2	37	17	8
Recreio "B"	6	2	4	29	28	4
Talkoo	6	1	5	11	43	2
K.C.C.	6	0	8	5	49	0

"B" DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts
St. John's	10	9	1	68	17	18
King's College	10	7	3	58	32	14
Recreio	8	6	2	41	37	12
St. Teresa's	10	7	3	47	38	14
St. Andrew's	10	6	4	50	39	12
Kowloon Tong	10	2	8	33	56	4
V.R.C.	10	1	9	22	68	2
K.C.C.	11	2	9	31	68	4

with unfortunate results—he was all at sea with his timing and the shuttle more often than not landed in the net.

Smith was very quick about the court and played a powerful all-court game. As ever his smashing was very decisive but he will have to show a great deal more accuracy in order to beat W. Gilles, the powerful St. Andrew's player, whom he now meets in the final.

At King's College, K. L. Yong and Miss Ullian Khoo had little difficulty against J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie and won in straight games.

RESULTS

Junior Singles

Norman Smith beat T. S. Young 15-12, 15-5.

Mixed Doubles

P. H. Wong and Miss W. Cheung beat Henry Eardley and Miss Decima Eardley 15-5, 15-12.

K. L. Yong and Miss U. Khoo beat J. Clark and Mrs. Beattie 15-10, 15-9.

ST. JOHN'S OVERCOME LAST BIG HURDLE

By "ADREM"

UNLESS THEY SURPRISE everyone by losing two of their remaining four matches, St. John's can now be said to have won Junior Division of the Badminton League. They are, at the moment, four points up on their nearest rivals, King's College and St. Teresa's.

Prior to Wednesday, there was still a chance for King's, who, although they had lost two games, were conceded a sporting chance of beating St. John's, to whom they only lost by the odd game in their first-round fixture at the Cathedral Hall.

King's put up a decent enough show on Wednesday but as expected, the superior balance of the Saints, and the comparative weakness of King's third pair, proved too big a handicap.

The even strengths of St. John's pairs is illustrated by the fact that each of them won two games.

For King's, S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung won two games, H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui one, and K. H. Lo and P. Lam none.

ST. TERESA'S BAD PATCH

Until quite recently it was thought that St. Teresa's would provide a big challenge for the championship. Since Francis Tsang took ill, however, and has been unable to turn out, they have struck a bad patch, although they have only lost once—to St. Andrew's. Against Kowloon Tong they just managed to scrape through, and again on Monday, it was not until the final game of the evening against K.C.C. did they clinch the match.

St. Teresa's led 2-1 at the end of the first round, and the scores were level at the end of the second. Deciding game was between P. Wynter-Blyth and T. Kevan, and Peter Lo and Joe Tsang. The former were unable to make any impression on the visiting pair, who were never extended

and led variously at 5-0, 10-7, 14-10 and 20-10. Blyth smashed very well and revealed excellent courtcraft, while Kevan played some nice angled drops but spoilt the general effect by overdoing them with the result that latterly the opposition were able to anticipate his returns and place themselves for the kill.

ANDERSON, FISHER IN FORM

Finest home pair were J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher, who played good all-round badminton. In their game against Austin Ho and J. Lum a close tussle resulted with the scores very close at every stage.

Although they tried very hard and took all their reverses in a most cheery spirit, it was apparent that Jones and Merritt, Kowloon's third string, were virtual novices.

For St. Teresa's, Lo and Joe Tsang were not as successful as usual and are going through a bad patch. Ho and Lum, however, did very well and are improving from game to game. They were very aggressive on Monday and were on the attack all the time, while disguising their shots with great skill.

John Chen is having a sorry time of it at the moment as he is never given the same partner twice. On this occasion he was paired with A. Ulrich, who smashed fairly well but was woefully weak at the short game. This pair revealed promising form and extended both Anderson and Fisher, and Blyth and Kevan.

GOLF CLUB STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Farling:—

TO-MORROW

Old Course

2.12 p.m. D. Humphreys, J. C. C. Matthews, Commodore MacGrigor, Major Giles.

2.20 " J. W. Mayhew, T. Megarry.

SUNDAY

Old Course

9.16 a.m. A. V. Greaves, J. W. Mayhew.
9.20 " F. D. Hunter, E. G. Price.
9.24 " L. Jackson, J. C. Brown.
9.28 " E. T. McMullen, J. L. C. Pearce.
9.32 " D. Humphreys, J. T. Smith.
9.36 " Wing Cdr. Steele Perkins, A. D. S. Murray.

9.40 " J. G. Jensen, J. J. von Muhlen.
9.44 " R. J. Shrigley, F. C. Young.
9.48 " D. Lyon, H. A. Mills.
9.52 " J. B. Mackie, L. R. Andrewes.
9.56 " L. R. Cramer, F. A. Howard.
10.00 " H. M. Rowland, P. E. Annis.
10.04 " A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.
10.08 " S. L. Lloyd, W. Hewitt.
10.12 " R. Young, G. M. Park.
10.16 " F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves.
10.20 " J. Harrop, G. Thomerson.
10.24 " G. W. Reeve, A. Nicol.
10.28 " G. T. Harrington, Major Temple.
10.32 " H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

New Course

9.24 a.m. L. M. S. Lloyd, H. F. Phillips.
9.32 " J. C. C. and Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.
9.40 " Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Smith.
9.48 " T. Megarry, J. P. Murphy.
10.04 " Surg. Cdr. Nicholson, Surg. Cdr. Cleave.
10.12 " E. W. J. Wedlock, A. G. James.
10.16 " Mrs. Wedlock, Mrs. James.
10.24 " Mrs. Reeve, Mrs. Nicol.
10.32 " Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.

C. C. C. TEAM

The following will represent Craigengower Cricket Club 2nd XI in a League match against Civil Service Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m. on C.S.C.C. ground: B. R. France (Capt.), N. Broadbridge, A. H. Esmail, A. B. Hamson, A. Hung, C. W. Lam, J. W. Leonard, T. Lock, U. M. Omar, W. K. Way and J. L. Youngsaye. Scorer—W. Broadbridge.

ARMY TEAMS

The following will represent Army in their final League cricket matches of the season on Saturday:—

1st XI v Civil Service (Sookunpoo).—Capt. D. C. E. Grose, Major W. G. Harvey, Major A. V. Petri, Capt. J. D. Holmes, Capt. P. J. T. Skipwith, S/Sgt. Emberson, Sgt. Denyer, Sgt. Webb, Lt. Cpl. Yung, Dvr. Logan and Spr. Ratcliffe.

2nd XI v Recreio (King's Park).—Capt. J. F. Lawrence, Brig. T. MacLeod, Major J. E. Swyer, Major W. W. Parsons, Capt. F. L. Freeman, Lt. A. W. F. Peal, Sub. Condr. Gardener, Cpl. Murphy, Cpl. Boock, Pte. Hatfield and Gnr. Martin.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS

The following will represent the Civil Service Cricket Club in cricket matches over the week-end.

1st XI v Army Saturday (Away).—D. McLellan (Capt.), A. E. Perry, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. E. Richardson, T. V. N. Fortescue, J. Barrow, W. H. E. Colledge, N. B. M. Whitley, R. H. Griffiths, D. Hollidge and R. J. Fenton.

2nd XI v C.C.C. Saturday (Home).—H. E. Strange (Capt.), G. Ainslie, F. E. Lawrence, K. J. Attwell, G. Stone, T. L. Lockhart, A. Watson, R. G. Robertson, J. F. MacGowan, A. M. J. Wright and H. F. Harper.

1st XI v K.C.C., 11.30 a.m. Sunday.—D. McLellan (Capt.), A. E. Perry, B. C. K. Hawkins, J. E. Richardson, W. H. E. Colledge, N. B. M. Whitley, R. H. Griffiths, F. E. Lawrence, R. J. Fenton, K. J. Attwell and D. Hollidge.

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To-day's Wireless

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Organ—Serenade (Heymans); The Song of Songs (Moya)... Quentin Maclean.
Vocal—The World Is Mine To-night (Marvell & Posford); By The

Dark Lagoon (Baddeley & Leigh)... Charles Kullman (Tenor) with Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Dvorak—Symphony No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 70. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Václav Talich.
8.40 p.m.—Studio—Cello and Piano Recital by Ettore Pellegatti and Nura Kanis.
1. Indian Lament (Dvorak—Kreisler); 2. La Gitana (Kreisler); 3. Chanson Villageoise (Pöpper); 4. Pavane Pour Une Infante Defunte

Dvorak Symphony And Wagner

(Ravel); 5. Variations Symphoniques (Boellmann).
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"World Affairs".
9.45 p.m.—Wagner's "Die Meistersinger Von Nurnberg" Act III, Scenes 1-4. Characters and Soloists in order of appearance: David... Martin Kremer (Tenor); Hens Sachs... Hans Hermann Nissen (Bass); Walther von Stolzing... Torsten Ralf (Tenor); Beckmesser... Eugen Fuchs (Bass); Eva... Margarete Teschemscher (Soprano); Magdalena... Lane-Jung (Soprano); with Chorus of the Dresden State Opera and The Saxon State Orchestra. Conductor: Karl Böhm.
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West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K J 5 2
♥ K J 7 3
♦ 6 4
♣ Q J 8
♠ 9 8
♥ 10 4
♦ A K 9 5 3
♣ K 7 6 2
N
W
E
S
♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ Q 6 5
♦ J 8 7 2
♣ 9 5
♠ A Q 10
♥ A 9 8 2
♦ Q 10
♣ A 10 4 3
Mr. Jacoby

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1♥
Pass 3♥ Pass 4♥
Pass Pass Pass

West cashed two diamond tricks, then shifted to a spade. Winning in his hand, Mr. Jacoby led a low heart and, instead of taking the natural Jack finesse, went right up with dummy's King. He then led the Jack through East, and while that player refused to cover, it didn't matter for now both the ten and Queen were bound to be captured.

This is what we mean by the "backward finesse," but now let's delve into Mr. Jacoby's reason for making the unnatural play. He explained it this way: "West, who had passed originally,

had already shown up with the Ace-King of diamonds. He might in addition hold either the club King or heart Queen, but certainly not both, for otherwise he would have opened the bidding. I therefore reasoned that if West held the Queen of hearts, I would lose a trump trick, but then the club finesse would surely be successful. In other words, I played East for one of the two missing honours. Of course, East might have held only the Queen and one heart, in which case I would have lost the hand. But it seemed to me that the play I attempted offered the best chance for success."

You were David Bruce Burnstone's partner yesterday and held:

♠ A K 10 9 x x
♥ A x x
♦ K x
♣ 10 x

The bidding:
You Maier Burnstone Jacoby
1♠ Pass 2♠ Pass
3♠ Pass 5♠ Pass
(7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. You have already shown the full strength of your hand and hence are not justified in bidding six.

Score 100% for pass, 50% for six clubs, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 370
Neither side is vulnerable. You are Oswald Jacoby's partner and hold:

♠ A Q J 9 x x
♥ x x x
♦ Q J x
♣ x x

The bidding:
You Schenken Jacoby Maier
Pass 2♥ 2♠ Pass
(7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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L.T.A. MEETING

A successful year was recorded at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association held in the Registrar's Office, Supreme Court, yesterday. Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, President, was in the Chair.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Justice Lindsell said that the Association had a successful, if somewhat uneventful, year. He congratulated the Chinese R.C. on their brilliant success in the "A", "C" and Mixed Doubles divisions and also their section of "D" division, while in the "B" division they were beaten only the S.C.A.A.

As regards visiting teams, the Association were able to entertain the Philippine Island Davis Cup team, Messrs. Sanchez and Ampon, in May and to note their subsequent progress, especially that of Mr. Ampon, in tournaments in the United States.

The visit of the Thailand goodwill team was unfortunately marred by what amounted to a virtual boycott of the visitors by most of the Chinese community.

He deplored the attitude that was adopted on what were, in his opinion, quite insufficient grounds, and said he desired publicly to thank the Rumjahn cousins, and other players, who made the staging of the Interport contest possible.

It was decided that the League season commence on Tuesday, May 14, while entries would be closed on Monday, April 15.

During discussion, Mr. J. J. Ferguson proposed that members who were not residents of Hong Kong, should not be permitted to participate in the League games.

He pointed out that last year, visitors had been invited to play for a club in League matches.

The proposal was carried by a majority, and a rule will be drawn up against players participating who have not been residents in Hong Kong for at least three months, or who do not intend to reside here for that period.

NEW OFFICERS

Officers elected for the current year were as follows:

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CHESS TITLE

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4238	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Ma Tau Kok Road, Ma Tau Chung.	n.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 3,720	\$42,000

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SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
IN UNDER TWO HOURS YESTERDAY THREE UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS AT ASSASSINATION WERE MADE IN SHANGHAI.

Intended victims were Ma Shao-chien, prominent businessman and former member of the executive committee of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Hsu Sen, chief reporter of the Japanese-owned Chinese language daily, "Sin Shun Pao," and Hsieh Si-yang, an official of the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow Railway Union, who is believed to have changed his political affiliations recently.

JARDINE GODOWN ABLAZE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Firemen were still at the scene of the largest fire of the year last night after what was practically an all-day fight against the flames.

The fire broke out in the early hours of the morning in a godown containing silk yarn cocoons and raw cotton, destroying hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of the

One of the shootings occurred in Hongkew, and two prominent Japanese, whose identity is not revealed, were injured, as were two bodyguards of Ma.

No arrests were made in either of the shootings.—Our Own Correspondent.

Havas adds that Ma left his home at 9 a.m. and an unknown threw three stones, breaking the car's windshield. Several terrorists then fired, wounding Ma and his bodyguard.

In the other two attempts, both the intended victims were wounded and the gunmen escaped.

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The godown belongs to Jardine's and the cause of the fire is now being investigated.

Practically the whole resources of the Settlement fire brigade were required to control the flames which threatened adjoining buildings. No one was injured.—Our Own Correspondent.

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Commenting on the Supreme War Council meeting "The Times" diplomatic correspondent says Franco-Soviet relations are undoubtedly strained at the moment although neither side is exaggerating the Suritz affair, but there is no Allied difference of outlook towards the Soviet, whose policy has become increasingly clear in the betrayal last August, in the occupation of Baltic islands and ports and the unprovoked attack on Finland. The French Ministers are known to be specially anxious about the passage of German imports through Siberia and they are anxious above all that the closest check should be kept on the passage of minerals in Soviet ships. The British detention of the two Soviet merchantmen has the greatest importance in their eyes.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

According to Chinese reports, Japanese troop movements outside Canton indicate that the Japanese are planning to drive towards Waichow, and Pok-lo.—Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, To-day.

Col. Ralston, the Finance Minister, announces that in order to help provide the United Kingdom with dollars for the purchase of war supplies in Canada, residents of the United Kingdom may from April 1 make limited sales of securities in Canada through the normal financial channels.—Reuter.

Berlin, To-day.

The official German news agency admits that two planes failed to return from reconnaissance flights over the North Sea, France, the Orkneys and Shetlands yesterday.

The agency claims that several hits were obtained in a bombing attack on a British convoy off the Shetlands yesterday and that a successful attack was made on a French destroyer in the Channel.—Reuter.

New York, To-day.

Pan-American Airways announce that some mail was taken by the British authorities from the west-bound Atlantic Clipper when she made an unscheduled halt at Bermuda yesterday morning, but force was not used. Passengers state the captain of the plane made a formal protest when submitting to the seizure.—Reuter.

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